

Cover Crops

Funding:

- Annual performance incentive of \$50 per acre per year, maximum 20 acres, maximum 3 years or end of Program.

Project Description:

Seeding of over-winter cover crops to reduce soil erosion between crop rotations.

Project Details:

- Establishment of over-wintering cover crops on fields adjacent to a watercourse.
- Establishment of non-grazed, non-harvested (e.g. winter wheat, clover, etc.) cover crops.
- A minimum vegetated buffer strip with a width of at least 3 metres (10 feet) must be maintained between the edge of the field and the top of any bank. Wider widths are encouraged.
- The cover crop must be verified by program staff before winter, or before tillage to ensure that the cover crop is providing at least 30% ground cover. Failure to contact staff and verify crop will result in non-payment of the grant.

NOTE: Each applicant is responsible for ensuring that the project meets all legal requirements, including City by-laws, provincial and federal acts/regulations, and Conservation Authority permits/approvals.

Other Complementary Grants Available:

- Tile drain control structures
- Tile outlet erosion control
- Land retirement incentive
- Watercourse buffers
- Natural windbreaks
- Wetland restoration