

Erosion Control

Funding:

- Maximum grant: 90 per cent up to \$7,500
- Priority access to funding will be given to projects with active erosion issues and that use natural erosion control methods (e.g., bio-engineering), are located on smaller waterbodies (e.g., other than the Ottawa River and the Rideau River) or are located on agricultural properties.

Project Description:

Erosion control projects along waterbodies, including streambank stabilization, grassed waterways and water and sediment control basins. A waterbody includes:

1. Watercourse (a naturally occurring drainage channel which includes rivers, streams and creeks);
2. Municipal and private drains, or
3. Lakes.

Assistance is available from your local Conservation Authority to help with developing and implementing your project, contact the Landowner Resource Centre for more information by [email](#) or at 613-692-3571 ext. 1136 or 1-800-267-3504.

Project Details:

- Erosion control along streambanks including seeding, tree/shrub planting, rip-rap, and bio-engineering (e.g. live crib walls) techniques. Care should be taken to select plantings that will not encourage beaver activity.
- Applicants are encouraged to use natural methods whenever possible; Conservation Authority staff can help assess suitability for bio-engineering methods and help landowners implement these methods.
- Replacement of retaining walls with a more environmental option will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Streambank projects must establish and maintain a minimum 3m watercourse buffer to be considered for funding.
- Water and sediment control basins and drop inlets, grassed waterways, or sediment pond at end of grassed waterways. Approved stream crossing for equipment will be considered to address existing erosion issues.

- Livestock must be restricted from the site after the erosion project is implemented.
- Large or complex projects should be designed by professional engineers.
- Projects are encouraged to use conservation tillage practices and/or cover crops on adjacent fields, if applicable.
- Any work on municipal drains must be approved by the City of Ottawa's Drainage Superintendent prior to initiation. Applicants must provide a copy of the approval document.

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.

Eligible Project Costs:

- Permits and approvals
- Purchased materials
- Contract labour and professional fees (including engineering design costs)
- Reasonable in-kind contributions for applicant's labour (\$20/hr) and equipment (\$50/hr) associated with the implementation of the proposed project

The Program reserves the right to limit the eligible amount for in-kind contributions based on the proposed project. Applicants must provide a detailed written accounting of all in-kind contributions when the application is submitted. In-kind costs associated with completing the application, project planning, supervision, or administration, are not eligible for funding.

Ineligible Costs:

- Landscaping for aesthetic purposes
- Commercial orchard stock, non-native and invasive species, or Christmas trees
- Taxes

Other Complementary Grants Available:

- Land retirement incentive
- Tile outlet erosion control
- Watercourse buffers
- Cover crops
- Wetland restoration