

## Wetland Restoration

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### Funding:

- Maximum grant: 50 per cent up to \$5,000

### Project Description:

Restoring or enhancing wetlands to provide water storage, improve water quality by acting as a natural filter, reduce flooding, reduce erosion, replenish groundwater, and/or enhance wildlife habitat.

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:

- Projects must be proposed in areas with suitable soils and topography to be considered. Sites with former/historical wetlands, adjacent to existing wetlands or in low-lying, poorly drained or seasonally flooded areas are encouraged.
- Applicants are encouraged to pursue projects that have a connection/linkage with existing watercourses or natural features such as forests or meadows. Projects within or adjacent to the mapped Natural Heritage System are encouraged.
- Planting and seeding with native wetland and riparian species is required as part of the grant approval. It is recommended that a planting plan be developed in conjunction with local Conservation Authority staff or a private consultant for establishment of suitable vegetation (including trees and/or shrubs).
- All projects must establish and maintain a minimum 5m vegetated buffer surrounding most (approximately 80%) of the wetland to be considered for funding. Wider widths are encouraged.
- Proper site preparation is required for planting and seeding, including the removal and control of any non-native invasive species.
- Applicants are responsible for the care and maintenance of plantings, including trees and/or the maintenance of infrastructure. Mowing may be needed during the establishment period to reduce competition from broadleaf annual weeds.
- Projects that propose to convert existing natural areas and ecosystems to wetland ecosystems will not be encouraged.
- Livestock must be excluded from the site.

- Applicants must consider existing field tile drainage in relation to the proposed wetland restoration project.
- Projects must not negatively impact local drainage or neighbouring properties and may require hydrological and/or hydrogeological studies.
- Any work on municipal drains must be approved by the City of Ottawa 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 and supplies
- Contract labour and professional fees (including 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:

- Ponds for the purpose of landscaping, irrigation, livestock watering, or aquaculture
- Dredging or expansion of existing ponds
- Commercial orchard stock, non-native and invasive species, or Christmas trees
- Taxes

### Other Complementary Grants Available:

- Land retirement incentive
- Forest and wetland management plan
- Watercourse buffers
- Watercourse fencing
- Erosion control
- Cover crops