

## Natural Windbreaks

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### Funding:

- Maximum grant: 75 per cent up to \$6,000

### Project Description:

Planting trees or shrubs to form windbreaks to reduce soil loss from wind erosion.

### Project Details:

- Planting native species will generally be 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.
- Care should be taken to select plantings that will not encourage beaver activity.
- Applicants are responsible for the care and maintenance of the windbreak.

**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
- Purchase of materials and supplies
- Contract labour and professional fees
- 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:**

- Commercial orchard stock, non-native and invasive species, or Christmas trees
- Taxes

### **Other Complementary Grants Available:**

- Cover crops
- Land retirement incentive
- Watercourse buffers