

ELGIN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM



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Stewardship Grants
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Help improve and protect water quality, quantity and habitat.

The Elgin Clean Water Program will provide the financial means to help landowners undertake stewardship projects that inevitably will benefit the County and our drinking water sources.



Successful applicants will receive up to 50% of the cost of environmental projects undertaken on their property. Eligible project categories include erosion control measures, wetland and riparian habitat restoration, wellhead protection and decommissioning, livestock access restriction, and clean water diversion.



Eligibility Guidelines

To qualify for current funding the following criteria must be met:

- Projects must be within the County of Elgin.
- Projects must demonstrate an improvement to local surface and/or groundwater quality and/or habitat.
- The landowner must demonstrate good land stewardship practices.
- The landowner must complete and sign an application form.

Projects Eligible for Funding	Maximum Grant
Erosion Control Measures Grassed waterways, catch basins, terraces and berms to reduce erosion.	\$4,000
Wellhead Protection Pitless adapter caps, grading, sealing and upgrading well casings to prevent contamination.	\$500
Well Decommissioning Properly decommissioning abandoned wells to eliminate the link between surface and ground water.	\$500
Wetland and Riparian Habitat Enhancement/Restoration/Protection Retiring fragile land through enhancement or restoration of wetland or riparian features to improve surface and groundwater quality.	\$3,000
Clean Water Diversion Berms and eavestroughs to divert clean water from manure and exercise yards.	\$3,000
Livestock Access Restriction to Watercourses Fences, crossings and watering devices to eliminate cattle access to watercourses.	\$3,000
Other Projects Innovative projects that demonstrate improved water quality or overall watershed health.	\$3,000



How to Apply for Grants

1. Contact your local Conservation Authority to determine if your project meets the eligibility requirements.
 2. Please arrange an on-site consultation with Conservation Authority staff to discuss your project.
 3. Staff will, if needed, assist you in completing the application.
 4. Staff will present your application anonymously to a Review Committee for approval.
 5. Projects that will result in the best benefits to water quality, quantity and habitat will be prioritized for funding.
 6. Approved projects will receive funding upon successful completion of the project and staff inspection. All receipts for the work must be submitted.
 7. Any applicant who proceeds with a project before its approval has no assurance that the financial assistance will be provided.
 8. Please note that in the application form you agree to:
 - a. The scope of the project as described.
 - b. Submit quotes, paid invoices, cancelled cheques and other related documents for eligible expenses prior to reimbursement.
 - c. Allow staff and associates to visit and photograph the site for monitoring purposes.*
 - d. Allow staff to utilize photos for promotional materials.*
- * Staff will request your permission prior to said activities, and these will not interfere with property operations.



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