

Long Point Region Conservation Authority WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM



Caring for Our Land Protects Water

Land stewardship is something that everyone can participate in to improve the health of the watershed.

A number of cost-sharing and technical assistance programs are available to landowners in the Long Point Region watershed.

Soil erosion damages fish and wildlife habitat, impairs water quality and can cost farmers in lost production. Different techniques can be used to help control erosion on your property and reduce or prevent sediment and nutrients from entering waterways.

You can make a difference in the improvement of local water quality and we can help you get started!

Promoting Soil Conservation

The LPRCA is committed to the protection of our valuable soil and water resources. We work with landowners, local environmental and agricultural organizations and all levels of government to protect and improve water and soil quality on your land.

Soil bioengineering, installing gabion baskets and rip rap, tree planting and bank stabilization projects are all effective methods of controlling soil erosion. Properly placed grassed waterways, spillways and rock chutes will help control surface water runoff and filter pollutants. Keeping livestock out of creeks and streams limits erosion and improves water quality. Areas of abandoned or marginal farmland are often best suited to growing trees. Windbreaks help reduce soil erosion. Maintaining vegetative areas (buffer strips) between waterways and cultivated land is another way landowners can improve local water quality.

Project Eligibility: Landowners in the Long Point Region watershed are eligible for financial and technical assistance to undertake projects that will help reduce soil erosion and improve water quality on their land. Conservation Authority staff will visit your site and review the project with you.

The LPRCA's Erosion Control Assistance Program will cover up to 50% of the cost of an eligible erosion control project, to a maximum of \$1,000. In some cases, this subsidy can be stacked with grants from other programs to cover up to 100 per cent of the cost.

Obtain specific program information from the LPRCA to determine if your project qualifies.



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