



## 2026 COVER CROP INCENTIVE

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION & FORWARD TO:	
ST. CLAIR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY	
205 MILLPOND CRESCENT, STRATHROY, ON N7G 3P9	
<b>LISA MCNEILL</b>	
<b>EMAIL:</b> LMCNEILL@SCRCA.ON.CA	<b>PHONE:</b> (519) 245 – 3710 EXT. 125

PERSONAL INFORMATION	
<b>FIRST NAME:</b>	<b>LAST NAME:</b>
<b>MAILING ADDRESS:</b>	
<b>CITY:</b>	<b>POSTAL CODE:</b>
<b>EMAIL:</b>	<b>PHONE:</b>
<b>ALTERNATE EMAIL (IF USING GRANT SERVICE):</b>	
<b>FARM BUSINESS NAME (IF APPLICABLE):</b>	
<b>FARM BUSINESS NUMBER (REQUIRED):</b>	

COVER CROP INCENTIVE		
<b>GRANT RATE:</b>		<b>GRANT MAXIMUM:</b>
<b>SINGLE SPECIES</b>	<b>\$20/ACRE</b>	<b>\$10,500</b>
<b>MULTI – SPECIES (≥3 SPECIES)</b>	<b>\$25/ACRE</b>	
<b>HARVESTED/GRAZED COVER CROPS FOR LIVESTOCK FEED/COVER CROPS USED FOR GINSENG</b>	<b>\$10/ACRE</b>	
<b>Note: Grant maximums will be at the discretion of SCRCA and are subject to change.</b>		
<b>APPLICATION INTAKE:</b>		<b>APPLICATION DEADLINE:</b>
April 1, 2026		January 31, 2027
<b>OPENING TIME:</b>		<b>DEADLINE TIME:</b>
10:00 AM		4:00 PM

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### To apply, submit:

- This completed application
- Aerial maps of field locations with field boundaries identified.

### Required to receive payment (if your application is approved):

- Eligible fields must be registered with SCRCA staff, providing location and management plan for the cover crops
- \*NEW REQUIREMENT\***: Aerial maps must be provided for all cover crop locations.
- \*NEW REQUIREMENT\***: A photo of each cover crop location must be submitted between November 1st – December 31st, with cover crop residue visible. **Please ensure the location services feature is enabled on your device.** All cover crop photos can be sent to Lisa McNeill, lmcneill@scrca.on.ca.
- The minimum number of species planted must be in line with the selected incentive (i.e. if selecting the multi species incentive a minimum of 3 crop species must be planted).
- Cover crop residue must be measured by SCRCA staff **prior to March 19, 2027.**
- Cover crop fields must maintain a minimum of 50% residue at the time of spring inspection
- Harvested or grazed cover crop fields must maintain a minimum of 50% residue at the time of spring inspection.
- Late season cover crops planted after corn harvest must meet a final residue measurement of at least 30%.

**By applying to the Sydenham Phosphorus Reduction Initiative, you consent to a SCRCA staff site visit(s) to verify cover crop residue.**

**PLEASE SELECT ALL ADDITIONAL BMPs YOU WILL BE APPLYING FOR:**

**Note: This will not affect your application. Applying for multiple BMPs is encouraged. Each FBN is eligible for a maximum of \$50,000 over the four-year program.**

- None
- Cover Crop Incentive
- Restoring Natural Cover, Windbreaks & Riparian Buffers/Filter Strips
- Wetland Restoration
- Erosion Control Structures
- Livestock Restriction from Watercourses
- Alternative Watering Systems for Livestock (in conjunction with a fencing project)
- Phosphorus Application Equipment Purchases and/or Modifications
- 4R Nutrient Management Services
- Alternative Phosphorus Applications

**COVER CROP PRACTICE INFORMATION**

<b>ARE YOU <u>NEW</u> TO THE PRACTICE OF PLANTING COVER CROPS? (I.E. YOU HAVE NEVER PLANTED COVER CROPS BEFORE).</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>IF NO, HOW MANY YEARS HAS PLANTING COVER CROPS BEEN A PART OF YOUR FARM BUSINESS PLAN?</b>		
<b>HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY APPLIED TO THE SPRI COVER CROP PROGRAM?</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>

**2026 COVER CROP INFORMATION**

<b>SITE INFORMATION</b>	<b>SITE 1</b>	<b>SITE 2</b>	<b>SITE 3</b>	<b>SITE 4</b>	<b>SITE 5</b>	<b>SITE 6</b>
<b>Project 911 Address</b>						
<b>Municipality</b>						
<b>Township (Ward)</b>						
<b>Lot</b>						
<b>Concession</b>						
<b>Is planting cover crops a <i>new</i> practice in this field? (Yes/No)</b>						
<b>If not a <i>new</i> practice, how many years has this field been planted with cover crops?</b>						
<b>If applicable, please list all previous cover crops in these fields.</b>						
<b>Is this field adjacent to a watercourse? (ex. stream, creek, river)</b>						
<b>What is the current tillage system being used?</b>						
<b>Please provide your current crop rotation.</b>						
<b>Where do cover crops fit into your current rotation?</b>						

SITE INFORMATION	SITE 1	SITE 2	SITE 3	SITE 4	SITE 5	SITE 6
Will the field be grazed or harvested for livestock feed?						
What is the number of acres to be planted this year?						
What species of cover crop will be planted?						
What are the planting rates (lbs/ac) for each species used?						
When will the cover crop be established? (month/yr)						
Please indicate your planting method.						
When will the cover crop be terminated? (month/yr)						
How will the cover crop be terminated? (ex. tilled)						

APPROXIMATE COSTS						
FIELD LOCATION	SITE 1	SITE 2	SITE 3	SITE 4	SITE 5	SITE 6
Materials Supplied (ex. seed)	\$ /AC	\$ /AC	\$ /AC	\$ /AC	\$ /AC	\$ /AC
Labour Supplied (ex. time)	\$ /AC	\$ /AC	\$ /AC	\$ /AC	\$ /AC	\$ /AC
Operating Cost (ex. fuel)	\$ /AC	\$ /AC	\$ /AC	\$ /AC	\$ /AC	\$ /AC
Total Project Cost	\$ /AC	\$ /AC	\$ /AC	\$ /AC	\$ /AC	\$ /AC

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**EXTERNAL FUNDING INFORMATION**

Other cost-share funding	Grant rate (i.e. \$/acre)	Amount awarded
<b>Total proposed funding from other sources:</b>		

**Note:** If you have been awarded funding for cover crops from another cost-share program, SCRCA will only provide the difference up to our respective grant rates of \$20/acre and \$25/acre.

Ex. If you are receiving \$15/ac from another cost-share program for a single species, SCRCA will provide you with \$5/acre to meet our grant rate of \$20/acre.

**PROGRAM DATA COLLECTION**

**HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE SYDENHAM PHOSPHORUS REDUCTION INITIATIVE? PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.**

- NEIGHBOURS, FRIENDS OR FAMILY
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- EMAIL FROM SCRCA STAFF
- SUPPLIER/CO-OP
- MAILED NEWSLETTER
- EVENT
- POSTER/FLYER
- OTHER:

## LANDOWNER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- I have read and understand the 2026 guidelines pertaining to this BMP category

I acknowledge that submitting an application does not guarantee funding.

If my application is approved, I do not hold liable the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority for any amount of the invoice above the approved grant allocation nor any additional works over and above the agreed upon project.

Please note, by submitting an application, you consent to allowing St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) to collect, manage, and share the project cost, project coordinates, and crop management data associated with the project. The data collected by SCRCA will be shared with government partners and university researchers to assist with tracking the industry's progress towards addressing the watershed environmental challenges and program goals. Personal data including name, home address, and contact information **will not be shared externally**. Any data shared publicly will be in aggregate form and no business or personal identities will be shared with other organizations or agencies. SCRCA is committed to keeping the personal information of applicants confidential, secure, and private.

An example of how data maybe aggregated and shared publicly: 25 producers in the Brown Creek Subwatershed planted over 3,000 acres in cover crops this fall.

I consent that SCRCA staff may conduct site visit(s) to verify equipment purchases and/or modifications, if needed.

**SIGNATURE:**

**DATE:**