



2026 EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURES

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION & FORWARD TO:

ST. CLAIR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY: **ATTN: JESSICA VAN ZWOL**
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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| FIRST NAME: | LAST NAME: |
| MAILING ADDRESS: | |
| CITY: | POSTAL CODE: |
| EMAIL: | PHONE: |
| ALTERNATE EMAIL (IF USING GRANT SERVICE): | |
| FARM BUSINESS NAME (IF APPLICABLE): | |
| FARM BUSINESS NUMBER (REQUIRED): | |

PROJECT LOCATION

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| MUNICIPALITY/TOWNSHIP: | COUNTY: |
| LOT: | CONCESSION: |
| ADDRESS: | |

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| GRANT RATE: | GRANT MAXIMUM: |
| 75% OF PROJECT SUB-TOTAL | \$15,000 |
| Note: Grant maximums will be at the discretion of SCRCA and are subject to change. | |
| APPLICATION INTAKE: | APPLICATION DEADLINE: |
| April 1, 2026 | October 1, 2026 |
| OPENING TIME: | CLOSING TIME: |
| 10:00 AM | 4:00 PM |
| Supporting Document(s) Deadline: | |
| December 31, 2026 | |
| Note: If supporting documents are not submitted by the deadline, the application/grant funding will be forfeited. | |

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To apply:

- Complete this application.
- Aerial map of the proposed project site and/or site plan included in application below.
- Photos of the proposed project site.

If your project is approved, before construction can begin, the following must be provided:

- A **detailed site plan** that:
 - is designed in accordance with specifications included in the OMAFA publication 832 entitled *Agricultural Erosion Control – A Design and Construction Manual* and
 - is designed by an OMAFA-Certified Soil Erosion Control Contractor. A list of certified contractors can be found here: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/soil-erosion-control-contractors-certificate-holders> and
 - includes watershed/catchment size of each erosion control structure, as well as the size and specifications for each erosion control structure.
- A **site visit** may be required by SCRCA staff to assess the land for project suitability.
- Written approval** from the local Drainage Superintendent if applying to conduct erosion control project near or in a municipal drain.
- SCRCA stewardship permit**, should the proposed erosion control structure be located in a regulated area. Please refer to CA Maps to determine regulated area: <https://www.camaps.ca/>
- Projects in and along waterways and ditches may need approval by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, prior to implementation. *The applicant is responsible for acquiring all necessary approvals.*

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

- Projects are installed as outlined in the approval letter from SCRCA.
- Photos of the area after construction (from the same vantage point as the “before” photos).
- Invoice dated after April 1, 202, and marked paid by erosion control contractor.

A site visit confirming project completion may be required by SCRCA prior to funding release.

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

WHAT ARE YOUR CONCERNS/ISSUES REGARDING EROSION ON YOUR FARM?

CURRENT PRACTICES AND FIELD INFORMATION

WHAT ARE YOUR CURRENT TILLAGE PRACTICES (INCLUDING TIMING, NUMBER OF PASSES, ETC.)?

DO YOU USE COVER CROPS?

YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE ANSWER THE BELOW QUESTIONS:

WHICH COVER CROP SPECIES DO YOU USE?

WHERE DO YOUR COVER CROPS FIT INTO ROTATION (EG. AFTER WHEAT)?

WHAT IS YOUR COVER CROP TERMINATION METHOD?

DO YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS REGARDING WATER POOLING ON YOUR LAND?

YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE:

PROPOSED EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURE INFORMATION

WHAT TYPE OF EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURE WOULD YOU LIKE TO INSTALL?

Please select one:

- Water and Sediment Control Basin (in-field farmable/non-farmable berms)
- Grassed waterway
- Drop structure
- Rock chutes

Other: _____

HOW MANY STRUCTURES ARE NEEDED?

IF KNOWN, PLEASE INCLUDE THE WATERSHED/CATCHMENT SIZE OF EACH PROPOSED STRUCTURE.

HOW WILL THE PROPOSED PROJECT PROTECT AND IMPROVE WATER QUALITY?

WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT?

Note: include all costs, including materials, professional design and construction.

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PROPOSED SITE PLAN OF EROSION CONTROL PROJECT

PLEASE SKETCH A BASIC OVERVIEW OF THE SITE*

Please indicate existing features including farm buildings, location of drain tiles, distances between tiles and the proposed structure, catch basins, wetlands, watercourses, wells, roads and other important/relevant information.

*Alternatively, you can submit an aerial map with the above features indicated (jpeg and pdf format).

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 erosion control project, if needed.

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| SIGNATURE: | DATE: |