



# SYDENHAM

PHOSPHORUS REDUCTION INITIATIVE



## 2026 WETLAND RESTORATION

### PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION & FORWARD TO:

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

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**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

**MUNICIPALITY/TOWNSHIP:**

**COUNTY:**

**LOT:**

**CONCESSION:**

**ADDRESS:**

### WETLAND RESTORATION

**GRANT RATE:**

**GRANT MAXIMUM:**

N/A

Up to a maximum of 100% of the project sub-total

**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.

## WETLAND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### To apply:

- Complete this application.
- Aerial map of the proposed wetland location and its connection to existing natural areas.

### Required for project to receive grant funding (if your application is approved):

- A **detailed site plan** indicating size, shape, depth, and bank slopes (i.e. 5:1), preferably from an OMAFA-certified erosion control contractor. For a list of contractors:  
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/soil-erosion-control-contractors-certificate-holders>
- SCRCA stewardship permit**, should the proposed wetland be located in a regulated area. Please refer to CA Maps to determine regulated area: <https://www.camaps.ca/>
- A **site visit** may be required by SCRCA staff to assess the land for wetland restoration suitability.
- Before and after photos** from the same vantage point.
- Planted species must be native wetland species and must not include invasive species.
- Dredging and/or deepening of an existing wetland must not happen

### Priority will be given to:

- Projects that have a connection with existing habitat areas and/or are located in priority watersheds (Bear Creek Headwaters, Brown Creek, and the Sydenham Headwaters).

## 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

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT SITUATION & HOW IT IMPACTS WATER QUALITY.**

**PROPOSED WETLAND INFORMATION**

<b>WHAT IS THE PROPOSED SIZE OF THE WETLAND (IN ACRES)?</b>	
<b>WHAT IS THE PROPOSED DEPTH(S) OF THE WETLAND (IN METRES)?</b>	
<b>PLEASE INDICATE THE DISTANCE FROM THE NEAREST HOUSE, BARN, GARAGE OR ROAD (IN METRES).</b>	
<b>PLEASE INDICATE THE DISTANCE FROM THE NEAREST WATERCOURSE (IN METRES).</b>	
<b>PLEASE INDICATE THE CURRENT LAND USE OF THE PROPOSED WETLAND SITE. E.g. crop field, fallow</b>	
<b>DOES WATER CURRENTLY POOL IN THE PROPOSED LOCATION FOR AT LEAST PARTS OF THE YEAR?</b>	
<b>IS THE PROPOSED PROJECT IN A SCRCA-REGULATED AREA?</b> Note: See <a href="https://maps.scrca.on.ca/">https://maps.scrca.on.ca/</a> or inquire with SCRCA stewardship staff if you need assistance.	

**WHAT NATIVE PLANT AND AQUATIC SPECIES ARE YOU WANTING TO CREATE HABITAT FOR? WHAT OTHER GOALS, IF ANY, DO YOU HAVE REGARDING THE PROPOSED WETLAND?**

**HOW WILL CREATING OR RESTORING FORMER WETLAND REDUCE PHOSPHORUS LOSSES FROM YOUR LAND?  
MORE BROADLY, WHAT BENEFITS DO YOU EXPECT THIS PROJECT TO ADD TO YOUR LAND?**

**WHAT MAINTENANCE DO YOU FORESEE WITH THE WETLAND? DO YOU INTEND TO UTILIZE A SEDIMENT TRAP?**

**SITE VISIT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**Ahead of project construction, SCRCA staff may need to visit the proposed wetland site throughout the year to gain a better understanding of the sites moisture regime, flood risk, types of native and invasive species present, etc.**

**All site visits will be scheduled ahead of time, with the approval of the landowner.**

**Will you allow SCRCA staff to access the site?**

Please circle:                      **YES**                      **NO**

**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 wetland site suitability, if needed.

<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>