



4R NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION & FORWARD TO:	
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PERSONAL INFORMATION	
FIRST NAME:	LAST NAME:
MAILING ADDRESS:	
CITY:	POSTAL CODE:
EMAIL:	PHONE:
ALT. EMAIL (IF USING A GRANT SERVICE):	
FARM BUSINESS NAME:	
FARM BUSINESS NUMBER (REQUIRED):	

PREFERRED METHOD OF CONTACT
<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE <input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL <input type="checkbox"/> PLEASE CONTACT MY CCA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> CCA NAME: _____ <input type="radio"/> AGRIBUSINESS NAME: _____ <input type="radio"/> CCA PHONE NUMBER: _____ <input type="radio"/> CCA EMAIL: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSON BELOW: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> NAME: _____ <input type="radio"/> THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO YOU: _____ <input type="radio"/> PHONE NUMBER: _____ <input type="radio"/> EMAIL: _____

WHAT NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT METHOD(S) ARE YOU APPLYING FOR FUNDING TO USE?

Note: Soil sampling practices must show an improvement in precision of practice (i.e., transitioning from bulk to grid). Bulk and composite samples are not eligible for funding. Refer to the SPRI guidelines for specific grid and zone sizes.

Farmers are eligible for a maximum of \$2,500 **for each of the Soil Sampling Services and Field Profitability Mapping categories.**

The Three-Year Crop Nutrient Management Plan may be combined with each of the other practices but has a **grant maximum of \$500.**

- Grid/Zone Soil Sampling Services**
- Field Profitability Mapping Services**
- Three-year Crop Nutrient Management Plan**

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 per year.

- 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)
- Equipment Purchases and/or Modifications
- Alternative Phosphorus Application Practices

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION OF EACH BMP

GRANT RATE: \$10/acre

GRANT MAXIMUM:
\$2,500 (250 ac) Soil Sampling Services & Field Profitability Mapping
\$500 maximum Three-Year Crop Nutrient Management Plan

APPLICATION INTAKE:

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

April 1, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

December 1, 2026

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY DECEMBER 31, 2026

<p>Soil Sampling Services (Grid/Zone), SoilOptix Soil Sampling/Mapping Services</p>	<p>To apply, submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> This completed application. <input type="checkbox"/> Completed field details for <u>all</u> fields, including location and acreage(s) (see page 10 for additional fields). <input type="checkbox"/> Maps for <u>all</u> fields. <p>Required to receive payment (if your application is approved):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> PDF copy of soil test analysis from an accredited laboratory (dated on or after April 1, 2026). <input type="checkbox"/> <u>If sampled by an agribusiness:</u> A dated invoice (on or after April 1, 2026) for the soil sampling service. Invoices are required to be marked “paid” and have the applicant’s name, field name(s) and acreages associated with each field. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>If sampled by the farmer:</u> An invoice (dated on or after April 1, 2026) for the laboratory testing. Invoices are required to be marked “paid” and have the applicant’s name and associated field name(s).
<p>Field Profitability Mapping Services</p>	<p>To apply, submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> This completed application. <p>Required to receive payment (if your application is approved):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Field profitability maps (PDF and shapefile) <input type="checkbox"/> A dated invoice (on or after April 1, 2026) for the field profitability mapping service. Invoices are required to be marked “paid” and have the applicant’s name, field name(s) and acreages associated with each field.
<p>Three Year Crop Nutrient Management Plan</p>	<p>To apply, submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> This completed application. <p>Required to receive payment (if your application is approved):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> SCRCA’s Three-Year Crop NMP template completed and signed by a Certified

<p>Three Year Crop Nutrient Management Plan</p>	<p>Professional Agronomist or Certified Crop Advisor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Soil sampling (Grid, Zone or SoilOptix) report(s) (PDF copy). <input type="checkbox"/> Georeferenced field boundaries and sampling location(s), including the location of any sensitive features requiring special management or setbacks (PDF copy). <input type="checkbox"/> Variable Rate (VRT) maps (PDF and shapefile copies). <input type="checkbox"/> Fertilizer recommendations following OMAFA guidelines (PDF copy). <input type="checkbox"/> Description of management practices to reduce risk of nutrient loss (PDF copy). <input type="checkbox"/> A dated invoice (on or after April 1, 2026) for the crop nutrient management plan. Invoices are required to be marked “paid” and have the applicant’s name, field name(s) and acreages associated with each field.
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HOW WILL THIS PROJECT HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON WATER QUALITY AND SOIL HEALTH?

CURRENT PRACTICES AND FIELD INFORMATION

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

WHAT PHOSPHORUS APPLICATION METHOD(S) DO YOU CURRENTLY USE?

Please select all that apply:

- Broadcasting with incorporation in:**
 - Spring
 - Fall
- Broadcasting without incorporation in:**
 - Spring
 - Fall
- Banding prior to seeding**
- Side-banding/below-banding at planting (within 2” of the seed)**
- Deep banding (beyond 2” from the seed)**

- Seed placement at planting (at the seed)**
- Strip till**
- Foliar**
- Manure:**
 - Liquid broadcast
 - Dry broadcast
 - Direct injection
- Other:** _____

DO YOU USE COVER CROPS?

YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE ANSWER THE BELOW QUESTIONS:

WHICH COVER CROP SPECIES DO YOU USE?

WHAT IS YOUR CROP ROTATION?

WHAT CROP ARE YOU CURRENTLY ON?

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

WHAT IS YOUR COVER CROP TERMINATION METHOD?

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

WHAT 4R PRACTICES DO YOU CURRENTLY USE? PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE.

DO YOU HAVE AN UP-TO-DATE THREE-YEAR CROP NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL AGRONOMIST OR CERTIFIED CROP ADVISOR?	YES NO
<p>PLEASE CHECK SOIL TESTING METHODS YOU HAVE USED IN THE PAST (PRIOR TO 2026):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I haven't done any testing <input type="checkbox"/> A few samples per field <input type="checkbox"/> SoilOptix testing <input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 ac grid sampling <input type="checkbox"/> 5.0 ac grid sampling <input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 ac zone sampling <input type="checkbox"/> 5.0 ac zone sampling <input type="checkbox"/> Bulk or composite testing <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ 	

SOIL SAMPLING SERVICES	
PLEASE ONLY FILL IN THIS SECTION IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE SOIL SAMPLING SERVICES CATEGORY	
<p>WHAT TYPE OF SOIL TESTING WILL YOU BE USING?</p> <p>Please check:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> SoilOptix testing <input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 ac grid sampling <input type="checkbox"/> 5.0 ac grid sampling <input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 ac zone sampling <input type="checkbox"/> 5.0 ac zone sampling <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ 	
<p>WILL YOU BE USING THE SAME TYPE OF SOIL SAMPLING FOR ALL FIELDS YOU ARE APPLYING FOR?</p> <p>If not, please record the type of soil sampling for each field in the "Project Locations" section.</p>	YES NO
<p>FOR THE 2026 GROWING SEASON, HOW MANY ACRES HAVE BEEN/WILL BE EVALUATED USING SOIL TESTING?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"># ACRES: _____</p>	
<p>WHEN ARE YOU PLANNING ON TESTING YOUR SOIL IN 2026?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MONTH: _____</p>	

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET CONSULTED A CCA OR MAPPING SERVICES, WHEN WILL YOU BE ARRANGING FOR THESE SERVICES TO BE COMPLETED?

WILL YOU BE COLLECTING THE SOIL SAMPLES YOURSELF?

YES NO

ARE YOU, AS A FARMER, NEW TO THIS TYPE OF SOIL SAMPLING?

YES NO

FIELD PROFITABILITY MAPPING

PLEASE ONLY FILL IN THIS SECTION IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE FIELD PROFITABILITY MAPPING CATEGORY

FOR THE 2026 GROWING SEASON, HOW MANY ACRES HAVE BEEN/WILL BE EVALUATED USING FIELD PROFITABILITY MAPPING?

ACRES: _____

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET CONSULTED A CCA OR MAPPING SERVICES, WHEN WILL YOU BE ARRANGING FOR THESE SERVICES TO BE COMPLETED?

WHAT PARAMETERS WILL YOU BE USING TO CREATE YOUR FIELD PROFITABILITY MAPS?

WHO WILL BE COMPLETING THE MAPPING SERVICES (EG. CCA, CPA, ETC.)?

HAVE YOU USED FIELD PROFITABILITY MAPPING IN THE PAST?

- Yes**
- Yes, but not for 10+ years**
- No**

THREE-YEAR CROP NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

PLEASE ONLY FILL IN THIS SECTION IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE THREE-YEAR CROP NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN CATEGORY

FOR THE 2026 GROWING SEASON, HOW MANY ACRES HAVE BEEN/WILL BE EVALUATED FOR A THREE-YEAR CROP NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN?

ACRES: _____

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET CONSULTED A CCA OR MAPPING SERVICES, WHEN WILL YOU BE ARRANGING FOR THESE SERVICES TO BE COMPLETED?

HAVE YOU MADE THREE-YEAR CROP NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS IN THE PAST?

- Yes
- Yes, but not for 10+ years
- No

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS PROGRAM?

- MY CCA
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- SCRCA WEBSITE
- EMAIL FROM SCRCA
- NEWSLETTER/NEWSPAPER
- COMMUNITY WORKSHOP/EVENT
- NEIGHBOURS/FRIENDS/FAMILY
- SUPPLIER/CO-OP
- POSTER/FLYER
- OTHER: _____

LANDOWNER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

- 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.

<input type="checkbox"/> I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE 2026 GUIDELINES PERTAINING TO THIS BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE FUNDING CATEGORY.	
SIGNATURE:	DATE:

PROJECT LOCATIONS

FIELD #1

FIELD NAME: _____

GPS COORDINATES:

X: _____ Y: _____

CITY:

TOWNSHIP:

LOT:

CON:

ACRES IN THIS FIELD:

PRACTICE(S) APPLYING FOR ON THIS FIELD:

You may apply for more than one practice for each field.

- Soil Sampling Services** (# ACRES: _____)
- Field Profitability Mapping** (# ACRES: _____)
- Three-Year Crop Nutrient Management Plan** (# ACRES: _____)

HAS THIS PRACTICE BEEN USED ON THIS FIELD PREVIOUSLY?

If you are applying for soil sampling, this question refers to the type of soil testing you are applying for. For example, if you are applying for funding for 2.5 ac grid sampling and have not used that method in the past but you have used composite sampling, you would answer "No, this field is new to this practice".

- Yes, but not for 3+ years**
- Yes, this is our routine practice (i.e., used less than 3 years ago)**
- No, this field is new to this practice**

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THIS FIELD HAD A SOIL SAMPLING TEST BY AN ACCREDITED LAB?

YEAR: _____

IF APPLICABLE, WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF RE-SAMPLING THESE ACRES AGAIN WITHIN A THREE-YEAR PERIOD?

IF THE 4R NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PRACTICE ON THIS FIELD WILL DIFFER FROM THAT OF OTHER FIELDS, PLEASE INDICATE HOW:

PLEASE SELECT ALL THE PRACTICES THAT HAVE BEEN USED ON THIS FIELD IN THE PAST:

- Soil Sampling Services**
- Field Profitability Mapping**
- Three-Year Crop Nutrient Management Plan**

FIELD #2

FIELD NAME: _____

GPS COORDINATES:

X: _____ Y: _____

CITY:

TOWNSHIP:

LOT:

CON:

ACRES IN THIS FIELD:

PRACTICE(S) APPLYING FOR ON THIS FIELD:

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FIELD #3

FIELD NAME: _____

GPS COORDINATES:

X: _____ Y: _____

CITY:

TOWNSHIP:

LOT:

CON:

ACRES IN THIS FIELD:

PRACTICE(S) APPLYING FOR ON THIS FIELD:

You may apply for more than one practice for each field.

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- Field Profitability Mapping**
- Three-Year Crop Nutrient Management Plan**

FIELD #4

FIELD NAME: _____

GPS COORDINATES:

X: _____ Y: _____

CITY:

TOWNSHIP:

LOT:

CON:

ACRES IN THIS FIELD:

PRACTICE(S) APPLYING FOR ON THIS FIELD:

You may apply for more than one practice for each field.

- Soil Sampling Services** (# ACRES: _____)
- Field Profitability Mapping** (# ACRES: _____)
- Three-Year Crop Nutrient Management Plan** (# ACRES: _____)

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YEAR: _____

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- Soil Sampling Services**
- Field Profitability Mapping**
- Three-Year Crop Nutrient Management Plan**

FIELD #5

FIELD NAME: _____

GPS COORDINATES:

X: _____ Y: _____

CITY:

TOWNSHIP:

LOT:

CON:

ACRES IN THIS FIELD:

PRACTICE(S) APPLYING FOR ON THIS FIELD:

You may apply for more than one practice for each field.

- Soil Sampling Services** (# ACRES: _____)
- Field Profitability Mapping** (# ACRES: _____)
- Three-Year Crop Nutrient Management Plan** (# ACRES: _____)

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- Soil Sampling Services**
- Field Profitability Mapping**
- Three-Year Crop Nutrient Management Plan**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR MORE THAN FIVE FIELDS, YOU MAY REQUEST AN ADDITIONAL “FIELD LOCATIONS” TEMPLATE FROM KAILEY MICHNAL (kmichnal@scrca.on.ca) OR RECORD THE REQUESTED INFORMATION ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER AND SUBMIT IT WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF FIELDS YOU CAN APPLY FOR, BUT THERE IS A LIMIT OF 250 ACRES.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT A MAP FOR EACH FIELD.

