

Name

Mailing address

Town

Postal code

Municipality

Telephone number

Email address

Project location (911#)

Municipality

Lot

Conc.

Watershed

See map — last page of Program Guidelines for regional eligibility.

Grant Applying For:

Tree Planting

Windbreak

Buffer Strip

Cover Crops

Rock Chute

Prairie Meadow

Wetland

Cover Crops

The 2023 Cover Crop program is structured to provide producers and farm businesses with the option to apply for cover crop funding for 1 or 2 years. Applications that propose to plant cover crops annually for 2 years will be prioritized for funding approval. Note, in the 2 year scenario, plantings do NOT have to occur at the same field. Please indicate the application type and duration:

1-year cover crop planting

2-year cover crop planting

Intended species

Number of acres intended in 2023

Roll Number of intended project location (ARN) or civic address

Please list additional fields on a separate page.

A claim form must be submitted when the project is complete to receive payment.

Participants may be asked to provide % Soil Organic Matter and/or soil texture information.

Will you be using the **Environmental Farm Plan** grants to complete this project? Yes No

Proposed start date

Proposed completion date

Total estimated project cost

Total grant applied for**

Project description

****Note: See Program Guidelines for grant rates and maximums.**

Signature of owner(s)

Date

Agreement and Application for Funding Assistance Terms and Conditions

The funding assistance for this project is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The owner's proposed works and request for funding assistance per the attached project map and cost estimate is subject to approval by ERCA and other agencies involved to ensure compliance with acceptable standards and for confirmation of funding availability/eligibility. **Work which proceeds prior to funding approval does not qualify for funding assistance.**
2. ERCA reserves the right to request the submission of a minimum of three (3) cost estimates for the proposed works. The amount eligible for funding assistance is based on the lowest quote, or the grant limit, whichever is less.
3. The property owner is responsible for hiring the necessary contractor(s) and consultants (where applicable) and to ensure that the works are carried out in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and conditions.
4. The property owner is responsible for all payments to all contractors and consultants (when applicable). Funding assistance from ERCA will be paid only to the property owner. ERCA **will not** be responsible for any payments to contractors hired by the owner.
5. The property owner is responsible for obtaining all permits and approvals for the works, from the Municipality, and all other parties including ERCA. The application for funding assistance **is not** an application for a permit.
6. It is the responsibility of the owner to notify ERCA prior to the construction of the proposed works so that ERCA can undertake monitoring and inspection of the works.
7. Works must be completed according to the approved plans and specifications and to the satisfaction of ERCA in order to receive payment of grants.
8. Landowners receiving grants for trees are required to maintain the planted areas, including regular mowing for weed control, for three years after planting or until trees are free to grow. More information on tree maintenance is available from ERCA's Forester.
9. Upon completion of the works, the owner must submit a statement of expenses incurred during the construction together with copies of receipts marked "Paid in Full" and/or copies of canceled cheque, both front and back.
10. The owner will not alter, interfere with or otherwise modify the project for a minimum period of 15 years. The owner agrees to maintain the project in good working order and condition for a minimum period of 15 years.
11. The landowner consents to ERCA taking photographs of the completed works for the purposes of project monitoring and promotion.
12. ERCA, and other involved funding agencies and their representatives shall have access to the site where any part of the work is being carried out at all reasonable times during construction and after construction for the purpose of monitoring, if applicable, subject to arrangements being made in advance with landowners.
13. In order to receive grant assistance, it is understood that the project must receive written technical approval, funding approval, and final satisfactory inspection by the date indicated on the approval letter and preferably earlier.
14. The Owner indemnifies and saves harmless the Essex Region Conservation Authority from and against all actions, claims, loss, damage and liability connected with the said works or the provision or preservation thereof as contemplated herein, arising directly out of the adequacy, sufficiency, design, construction, installation, erection, excavation, use, maintenance, improvement, alteration, inspection, replacement, repair, destruction, removal, failure and obligation or the said works.

By signing, I agree that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete.

Name(s) of owner(s)

PLEASE PRINT

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Date