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RURAL WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

Providing financial assistance to improve and protect water quality on farms in Wellington County. The Wellington Rural Water Quality Program is an initiative funded by the County of Wellington and the City of Guelph.



Eligible Projects

Financial assistance may be available to qualified landowners to share the cost of selected best management practices that improve and protect ground and surface water quality. An Environmental Farm Plan is required.

Project	Grant Rate	Max. Grant
Manure Storage	50%	\$15,000
Clean Water Diversion	30%	\$3,000
Livestock Access Restriction	30%-50%	\$10,000
Fuel storage/handling	50%	\$2,000
Fertilizer and/or chemical handling and storage	50%	\$1,000
Erosion Control Structures (grassed waterways, water & sediment control basins, stream bank stabilization)	30%	\$10,000
Machinery Crossing Improvements	30%	\$3,000
Nutrient Management Plans	30%	\$1,000
Tree Planting – stream buffers, fragile land retirement, field windbreaks (\$250/acre/year payment)	30%	\$6,000
Wellhead Protection	30%	\$1,000
Wellhead Abandonment	50%	\$1,000
Dead Stock Composting	50%	\$2,000
Milkhouse Waste	50%	\$5,000

Rural Water Quality program funds may be combined with Environmental Farm Plan funding for cost-share opportunities of up to 80%



How to Apply

- Contact the Rural Water Quality Program staff at the Grand River Conservation Authority at (519) 621-2761 or the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority at (519) 335-3557. They will help you plan your project and complete your application.
- A committee will evaluate your project on its potential to improve and protect water quality.
- Upon approval by the committee, you can proceed with the project. You will receive payment for the project after completion and inspection by staff.

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