

# Landowner Contact Annual Newsletter

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## Stewardship...

is the act of caring for the land to the best of one's ability, to maintain it in a healthy state for today and for future generations.

We hope that you find this newsletter to be informative and useful. Remember that your comments, suggestions and questions are always appreciated.



**Hamilton Watershed  
Stewardship Program**

## What can you do to make your property and your community a healthier place for you and your family?

Start by taking a look at your own property, no matter the size, and ask yourself the following: "Do I have any of the following on my property?"

- ◆ Floodplain
- ◆ Stream
- ◆ Wetland
- ◆ Ravine
- ◆ Shoreline
- ◆ Niagara Escarpment
- ◆ Woodlot
- ◆ Pond
- ◆ Meadow
- ◆ Prairie
- ◆ Water well
- ◆ Septic System
- ◆ Acres of Mown Lawn

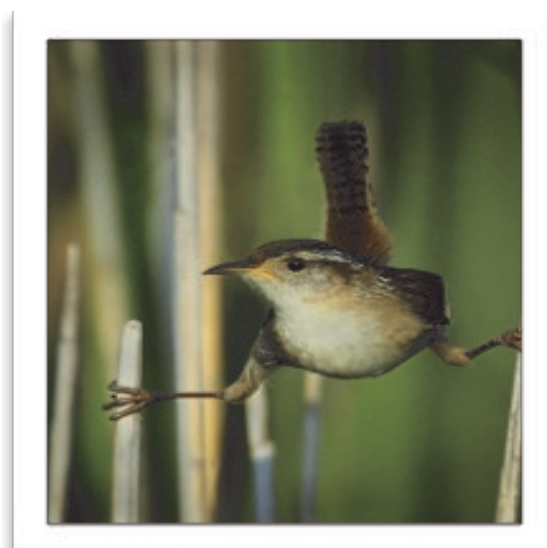


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If you answered yes, then ask yourself this question: "What can I do differently in terms of my land management practices that would improve water quality and/or habitat?" Need help figuring this out? Let our staff help you identify and prioritize land management practices for change.

There may be financial assistance available to help with the cost of a project that improves water quality and/or habitat. Let our staff help you prioritize the most beneficial project for you to do at this time.

This newsletter describes financial assistance currently available for eligible approved projects to protect and improve water quality and habitat. Call the Hamilton Watershed Stewardship Program to arrange a site visit with our staff.

# Water Quality and Habitat Improvement Grants



Photo Credit: Andrew Graham - Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association

**Eligibility:** Properties in Hamilton Conservation Authority's Watershed. This program is for rural and urban properties. For farm properties an Environmental Farm Plan is recommended but not required.

**Purpose of Grant Program:** To provide financial assistance to share the cost of selected beneficial management practices that improve and protect ground and surface water quality and habitat. **These funds may be combined with other funding for cost-share opportunities.**

Examples of Eligible Projects	Grant Rate	Grant Maximum
Livestock Restriction,		
Alternate Watering Devices, Crossings	75%	\$5,000
Clean Water Diversion/Barnyard Runoff Control	75%	\$5,000
Milkhouse Washwater Disposal	75%	\$5,000
Manure Storage	75%	\$5,000
Grassed Waterways	75%	\$5,000
Streambank Stabilization	75%	\$5,000
In-stream Habitat Enhancement	75%	\$5,000
Riparian Habitat Enhancement	75%	\$5,000
Forest Habitat Enhancement	75%	\$5,000
Prairie Habitat Enhancement	75%	\$5,000
Meadow Habitat Enhancement	75%	\$5,000

Contact the Hamilton Watershed Stewardship Program at Hamilton Conservation Authority 905-525-2181, Extension 181 or 196 to discuss your project ideas. Arrange a site visit with a Watershed Stewardship Technician. We will help you plan your project and complete your application.

# Stormwater Stewardship Grants

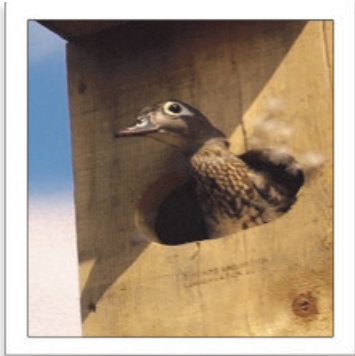


Photo Credit: Ducks Unlimited Canada

When it rains in Hamilton, stormwater from roofs, driveways, parking lots, roads and patios drain into our sewers, then into our creeks. This stormwater often carries pollutants which can be harmful to fish and other aquatic life.

Stormwater Stewardship projects can help filter and reduce stormwater runoff flowing into the municipal sewer system, local creeks, Cootes Paradise, Hamilton Harbour and Lake Ontario. Furthermore, Stormwater Stewardship projects can improve your property's landscape, improve curb appeal and possibly even enhance property value.

**Purpose of Grant:** To help reduce or eliminate stormwater runoff from flowing into our local and regional waterways. **Grants will cover 50% of costs up to \$2,500 for suitable water conservation projects. There is limited funding available.**

**Eligibility:** Your property must be within Hamilton Conservation Authority's watershed. You must provide a written application.

## Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Rain Gardens
- Bioswales
- Infiltration Trenches
- Soakaway Pits
- Water retention/storage
- Permeable pavement/concrete/pavers
- Projects that demonstrate the retention, infiltration or conservation of water

## Eligible Costs Include:

Materials and supplies (soil media, plant material, stone, downspout diverter, etc.), contractor design fees, contractor construction fees and/or equipment rental.

## Ineligible Costs

- Purchase of tools, equipment
- Property owner labour

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# Rural Water Quality Program in Wellington County



Photo Credit: Ducks Unlimited Canada

**Eligibility:** Farm properties in Spencer Creek Watershed watershed within Wellington County.

**Purpose of Grant Program:** To provide financial assistance to share the cost of selected best management practices that improve and protect ground and surface water quality on farms in Wellington County. This program is funded by Wellington County. Grants under this program may be adjusted if combined with other funding programs for a total grant of 80% up to 100%. **An Environmental Farm Plan is required.**

<b>Examples of Eligible Projects Grant</b>	<b>Grant Rate</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Manure Storage	50%	\$25,000
Clean Water Diversion	50%	\$ 5,000
Livestock Access Restriction	75 - 100%	\$10,000
Fuel Storage/Handling	50%	\$ 4,000
Fertilizer and/or Chemical Handling and Storage	50%	\$ 2,500
Erosion Control Structures (grassed waterways, water & sediment control basins, stream bank stabilization)	75%	\$10,000
Machinery Crossing Improvements	50%	\$ 5,000
Nutrient Management Plans	75 - 100%	\$ 2,000
Tree Planting (stream buffers, fragile land retirement, field windbreaks)	75%	\$ 7,500
Wellhead Protection	80%	\$ 2,000
Wellhead Decommissioning	100%	\$ 2,500
Dead Stock Composting	50%	\$ 4,000
Milkhouse Waste	50%	\$ 5,000

Contact the Hamilton Watershed Stewardship Program at Hamilton Conservation Authority, 905-525-2181, Extension 196. They will help you plan your project and complete your application.

## Here are some projects that landowners are doing!

With guidance from Watershed Stewardship Staff and in some cases with financial assistance to help out with the cost:

- ◆ Landowners are protecting wetlands, streams, woodlots. How? By fencing livestock out of wetlands, creeks and forests or by relocating livestock to pastures away from wetlands, creeks and forests.
- ◆ Landowners are creating meadow habitat. How? By establishing no mow zones to allow natural regeneration to occur in back fields and beside streams.
- ◆ Landowners are protecting streams and wetlands. How? By planting native shrubs and trees beside streams and wetlands to buffer these features from human impact and to produce fruit for local birds and wildlife.
- ◆ Landowners are paying attention to fish habitat. How? By working with conservation authority staff to remove barriers to fish passage, including retrofitting on-line ponds and removing barriers to fish passage to allow fish to access portions of the stream that were historically accessible.
- ◆ Landowners are protecting drinking water supplies.

## Decommissioning Abandoned Water Wells Program in the City of Hamilton

**Eligibility:** Properties within the Hamilton Conservation Authority's watershed in the City of Hamilton with abandoned water wells. Funding is available to landowners to assist with the cost of hiring a licensed well contractor to decommission abandoned water wells. Prior to decommissioning a well, landowners must contact the Hamilton Watershed Stewardship Program to determine eligibility for financial assistance and to obtain an application form.

**Purpose of Grant Program:** To protect drinking water sources in the City of Hamilton.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Grant Rate</b>	<b>Maximum Grant</b>
<b>Decommission Water Well</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

Landowners are eligible to receive a grant for 100% of the cost to decommission, up to a maximum of \$1,000, with a limit of two wells per property. Landowners must complete and submit an application before beginning any work.

**Contact the Hamilton Watershed Stewardship Program at Hamilton Conservation Authority 905-525-2181, Extension 181. Staff will help you plan your project and complete your application.**

# Hamilton Watershed Stewardship Program

## Call us today!

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