

2. Conservation Farm Practices	Grant Rate	Grant Ceiling	Application Due
	75%	\$5,000	November 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2022
<p><b>Purpose:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-farm soil stabilization projects designed to reduce erosion, compaction and sedimentation; and improve habitat connection through wildlife corridors.</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Category Guidelines:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects must be designed to appropriate OMAFRA standards as per <i>Agricultural Erosion Control Structures; A Design and Construction Manual, Publication 832</i> where applicable.</li> <li>All necessary permits/permissions must be obtained before project commencement.</li> <li>Projects must utilize appropriate sediment control and mitigation measures (i.e.; silt fencing).</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Eligible Projects:</b></p> <p><u>Gully Stabilization and Erosion Control</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grassed waterways and buffer establishment.</li> <li>Gully stabilization.</li> <li>Contour terraces.</li> <li>Water and Sediment Control Basins (WaSCoBs).</li> </ul> <p><u>Agroforestry Practices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hedgerows and windbreaks.</li> <li>Alley Cropping.</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Eligible Costs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design costs, professional services.</li> <li>Contractor labour and planting services.</li> <li>Project material costs.</li> <li>Site Preparation.</li> <li>Plant material.</li> <li>Temporary fencing to prevent livestock damage.</li> <li>NPCA Permit.</li> <li>NPCA Administrative costs- Project management, project implementation, planting plan design, site supervision.</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Ineligible Costs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repair and maintenance costs.</li> <li>Construction of new drainage channels, repair of existing drainage systems (e.g., drainage ditch clean-outs).</li> <li>Converting open ditches to closed drainage systems.</li> <li>New tile drainage installations, any tile not associated with project design.</li> <li>Establishment of trees or shrubs that are intended for harvesting for economic benefit (i.e., Christmas trees, nurseries, etc.).</li> <li>Caliper-sized trees.</li> <li>Landowner labour costs.</li> <li>Non-NPCA Administrative costs.</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Potential Key Performance Indicators:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metres of grassed waterways established</li> <li>Trees planted</li> <li>Shrubs planted</li> <li>Herbaceous plants planted</li> <li>WaSCoBs installed</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hectares of contour terraces</li> <li>Metres of hedgerows</li> <li>Hectares of alley cropping</li> </ul>	