

5. Wetland Habitat Restoration	Grant Rate	Grant Ceiling	Application Due
	75%	\$15,000 Excavation \$5,000 Planting	February 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
<b>Purpose:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wetland projects designed to improve local water quality, habitat, and floodplain capacity.</li> </ul>			
<b>Category Guidelines:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects will follow NPCA wetland design standards</li> <li>Livestock must be restricted from the project area</li> <li>All projects must have a <b>minimum 5m vegetated buffer</b> surrounding most (approximately 80%) of the wetland. Projects without a vegetated buffer will not be considered for funding</li> <li>Projects must be proposed in areas with suitable soils and topography to be considered</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>			
<b>Eligible Projects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creation or enhancement of wetlands</li> </ul>			
<b>Eligible Costs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contractor labour and planting services</li> <li>Excavation costs</li> <li>Plant material</li> <li>Habitat enhancement features</li> <li>Tenant farmer crop loss reimbursement (case specific)</li> </ul>			
<b>Ineligible Costs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ponds designed for irrigation/aquaculture</li> <li>Maintenance costs incurred after the establishment of plant material</li> <li>Fish stock</li> <li>Aeration equipment</li> <li>Relocation of established trees</li> <li>Establishment of trees or shrubs that are intended for harvesting for economic benefit (i.e., Christmas trees, nursery trees, etc.)</li> <li>Caliper-sized trees</li> <li>Landowner labour costs</li> <li>Administrative costs</li> </ul>			
<b>Potential Key Performance Indicators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hectares of wetland created</li> <li>Trees planted</li> <li>Shrubs planted</li> <li>Herbaceous plants planted</li> </ul>			

**Wetland Habitat Restoration/Creation Evaluation Matrix**

*Mailing Address:*

*Watershed:*

*Project Description:*

**Application**

Does this project fit within the guidelines? (Yes/No)

Complete application? (Yes/No)

Is the applicant willing to sign a project agreement? (Yes/No)

**Project Evaluation**

Wetland Size (Select one)

Less than 1/4 acre (2 points)

1/4 Acre to 1/2 acres (3 points)

½ to 1 acres (4points)

1 acre + (6 points)

Does the project area contribute to a headwater area (watershed of 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> order stream)? (2 points)

The project increases floodplain storage (3 points)

Part of a larger naturalization project? (1 Point)

Increase connectivity to existing habitat, reducing fragmentation (2 points)

Increase habitat adjacent to or surrounding a significant feature - PSW (3 points)

Addition of or existing vegetated buffer on >80% of wetland.

Less than 5m (0 points)

5-10m (2 points)

10-15M (3 points)

15-30m (4 points)

30M+ (5 points)

Excavated fill stays on-site (3 points)

Additional sources of funding? (choose one)

Funding secured (3 points) Unsecured but pending (2 points)

Does the site fall within the Priority Areas for Water Quality Improvement? (3 Points)

Does the site fall within the Priority Area for Wetland Habitat? (4 Points)

**BONUS POINTS:** Is the proposed site within 2km of Lake Ontario, Lake Erie or the Niagara River? (3 Points)

**Staff Comments:**