

8. Water Conservation Practices	Grant Rate	Grant Ceiling	Application Date
	75 %	\$5,000	November 1st, 2020
Purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvements to irrigation practices to reduce excess agricultural nutrient loading 			
Category Guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority must review and approve all projects before construction All necessary permits/permissions must be obtained before project commencement 			
Eligible Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irrigation equipment modification/improvement to increase water efficiency or nutrient use efficiency including low-pressure sprinkler nozzles, pipe/hose extensions/carts, booms for low-pressure extensions/carts, a delivery hose and small diameter flexible pipe, filters and emitters for trickle or drip systems Modification of planters to handle trickle tape installation Equipment to prevent backflow of altered irrigation water into water sources, new or improved backflow prevention mechanism/ equipment for an existing irrigation system 			
Eligible Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional services (e.g. project design costs) Contractor labour Approved construction materials Consultant fees to develop an irrigation management plan that results in a water conservation improvement project Pre/post project sampling and analysis 			
Ineligible Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair and maintenance of buildings Professional services not directly related to irrigation management planning that result in a water conservation improvement project Routine sampling and analysis Project permit fees Purchase and installation of irrigation monitoring equipment Water source development, drilling, and changes to water licensing agreements Upstream water distribution systems that are not part of a farmer's operation Landowner labour costs Administrative costs 			
Potential Key Performance Indicators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hectares of drip or trickle irrigation completed Litres of water recycled or conserved 			