

9. Cover crops	Grant Rate	Grant Ceiling	Application Date
	\$50/ acre up to 50 acres	\$2,500	July 1
<p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A one-time grant to promote the establishment and over-wintering of cover crops (living or dead), which help provide soil protection and reduce soil erosion, sedimentation and nutrient loading to watercourses. 			
<p>Category Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A one-time grant per-property. Landowners with multiple properties can apply once per property. • Properties where cover crops are currently used are not eligible. • The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority must review and approve all projects before commencing. • Only cover crops used exclusively for cover such as rye, oats, clover, or multi-mixes are eligible. • Cover crops tilled no sooner than the spring of the year following planting, and cover crops must be destroyed by June 1st. • A spring residue of at least 50% cover is required to receive the incentive. • All necessary permits/permissions must be obtained before project commencement 			
<p>Eligible Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash cropping fields up to 50 acres 			
<p>Eligible Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seed 			
<p>Ineligible Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance costs incurred after the establishment of plant material • Planting costs • Equipment rental/operation • Landowner labour costs • Administrative costs 			
<p>Potential Key Performance Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hectares of cover crops planted 			

Cover Crops 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)

Has this applicant previously received funding for cover crops at this project site? (Yes/No)

Project Evaluation

Watercourse through or adjacent to the project site (within 30m) (Select One)

Cold Water System (5 Points) Warm Water System (4 points)

Does the project area contribute to a headwater area (watershed of 1st or 2nd order stream) (4 points)

Does the project site currently allow for bare soils in winter? (9 points)

Does this project site presently spread manure in winter? (9 points)

Does the project property have an Environmental Farm Plan? (1 point)

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? (4 Points)

Staff Comments: