

8. Cover Crops	Grant Rate	Grant Ceiling	Application Date
	\$50/acre up to 50 acres	\$2,500	August 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2023
<b>Purpose:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>			
<b>Category Guidelines:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A one-time grant per-property. Landowners with multiple properties can apply once per property.</li> <li>Properties where cover crops are currently used are not eligible.</li> <li>The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority must review and approve all projects before commencing.</li> <li>Only cover crops used exclusively for cover such as rye, oats, clover, or multi-mixes are eligible.</li> <li>Cover crops tilled no sooner than the spring of the year following planting, and cover crops must be destroyed by June 1<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>A spring residue of at least 50% cover is required to receive the incentive.</li> <li>All necessary permits/permissions must be obtained before project commencement</li> </ul>			
<b>Eligible Projects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cash cropping fields up to 50 acres</li> </ul>			
<b>Eligible Costs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seed</li> <li>NPCA Administrative costs</li> </ul>			
<b>Ineligible Costs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintenance costs incurred after the establishment of plant material</li> <li>Planting costs</li> <li>Equipment rental/operation</li> <li>Landowner labour costs</li> <li>Non-NPCA Administrative costs</li> </ul>			
<b>Potential Key Performance Indicators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hectares of cover crops planted</li> </ul>			