

# Water Well Decommissioning Grant Program

Grant rate of 80% to a maximum of \$ 1,000 per well (Limit of 2 wells per property)

Please read: "Project Eligibility" and "Terms & Conditions for Funding Assistance" before filling out this Application

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Work): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the property owner? Yes  No  \*If no, written consent from landowner is required (please attach to application).

## PROPERTY INFORMATION

Municipality/Township: \_\_\_\_\_

Lot(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Concession: \_\_\_\_\_

Street & Street Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Land Use: Urban/Residential  Rural/Agricultural  Commercial  Other

Size of Property (acres): \_\_\_\_\_

How many unused water wells do you have on your property? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you completed an Environmental Farm Plan for this property? When? \_\_\_\_\_

## WELL INFORMATION

Type of well: Drilled  Dug/Bored (large-diameter)  Well Point (sand point)  Not Sure

Well Depth (m or ft): \_\_\_\_\_ Casing Diameter (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Casing: Brick/Stone  Concrete  Steel  PVC  Other

How long has the well been out of use? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is the well no longer in use? Dry  Poor Quality  Alternative Well Used  Municipal Water Available

Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Is the well in a pit? Yes  No  Is the well flowing? Yes  No

Is there a pump in the well? Yes  No  Not Sure

Date of well construction or approximate age of unused well: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present condition of the unused well: \_\_\_\_\_

Is a water well record available for the unused well? Yes  No  If Yes, please attach a copy of the water well record to this application.

Name of previous landowner at time of well construction (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

# TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE

## The funding assistance for this project is subject to the following Terms and Conditions:

1. All projects must receive approval from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) before they are started. Work which proceeds prior to receiving NPCA approval may not qualify for funding assistance.
2. The applicant is required to submit a completed application form and at least two (2) quotes for the proposed work.
3. Work must be completed according to the approved plans and specifications and to the satisfaction of the NPCA in order to receive grant assistance.
4. Work must be completed by a water well contractor licensed by the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) as set out in Ontario Regulation 903. A copy of the well contractor's license must be provided to NPCA. The proposed project must comply with Ontario MECP procedures for plugging or abandoning water wells according to Ontario Regulation 903. A copy of the completed water well decommissioning record must be submitted to the NPCA.
5. The landowner is responsible for all payments to all contractor(s). The NPCA will not be responsible for any payments to contractors hired by the owner. The NPCA will issue a reimbursement cheque directly to the landowner upon completion of the work. The landowner must submit copies of receipts, invoices marked "Paid in Full" and/or copies of cancelled cheques, both front and back. Invoices and receipts must provide a detailed inventory of labour hours, quantities of materials purchased and all other costs associated with the approved works.
6. This application for funding assistance is not an application for a permit. The work must meet the requirements of all applicable provincial and municipal laws and by-laws.
7. Projects will be completed to the satisfaction of the NPCA within a defined and agreed time period as outlined in the approved project plan. The owner will not alter, interfere with or otherwise modify the project without prior written consent of the NPCA and other agencies involved.
8. NPCA shall have access to the site where any part of the work is being carried out at all reasonable times during construction and after construction for the purpose of conducting project assessment.

## Landowner Project Agreement:

This agreement is to acknowledge that I, the undersigned landowner, understand and agree to the above listed Terms & Conditions. To the best of my knowledge the information contained in this form, which relates to the project and property, is true and accurate. I indemnify and save harmless the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, its officers, staff and agents from and against all actions, claims, loss, damage and liability connected with the said works or the provision or preservation thereof as contemplated herein, arising directly out of the adequacy, sufficiency, design, construction, installation, erection, excavation, use, maintenance, improvement, alteration, inspection, replacement, repair, destruction, removal, failure and obligation of the said works.

I hereby declare that I have read, understood, and agree with the above Terms & Conditions.

Landowner Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority collects and uses your personal information pursuant to Section 29(2) of the Municipal Freedom of Information Act 1991, and under the legal authority of the Conservation Authorities Act R.S.O. 1990 as amended. Questions regarding the policy or its administration should be directed to: Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority; 250 Thorold Rd. W., 3rd Floor, Welland, ON L3C 3W2, Attn. Privacy Officer.



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## SITE PLAN

Please provide a sketch in the space provided of the property with labels and measured distances to locate the following; buildings, structures, wells (including unused water wells), ponds, drainage ditches, roads, septic system, and natural features such as watercourses and springs. Include other information you feel may be important.



# ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

## Project Eligibility:

To qualify for program funding the following criteria must be met:

- » Grants are available for the decommissioning of unused water wells only. Oil wells, gas wells and cisterns are not eligible under this program. (Please contact the Ministry of Natural Resources at 1-519-873-4634 for information regarding oil and gas well decommissioning.)
- » The proposed work must be completed by a water well contractor licensed by the Ministry Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) as set out in Ontario Regulation 903.
- » The proposed work must comply with MOE procedures for plugging or abandoning water wells according to Ontario Regulation 903. Details of the procedure must be documented on the water well record and submitted to the MECP by the hired water well contractor upon completion.
- » A copy of the water well record must also be submitted to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) by the landowner or the hired water well contractor upon completion.
- » Grants are available to qualifying landowners with lands located within the NPCA jurisdiction.
- » Priority will be given to:
  - » Hydrogeologically sensitive areas (based on NPCA Groundwater Study or other studies as endorsed by NPCA),
  - » Projects located in areas with a high density of domestic water wells, and
  - » Areas where watershed plans have been completed or are on-going.
- » All proposals are subject to review and approval by NPCA staff.
- » Applicants must apply and be approved prior to initiating their project. Projects already underway or completed without NPCA approval are not eligible.

## Eligible Costs:

- » Licensed contractor and/or licensed technician fees incurred for water well decommissioning (as approved by NPCA). Grant will cover 80% of well decommissioning costs to a maximum of \$ 1,000 per well (limit of 2 wells per property). This is a reimbursement program; the landowner will pay the full cost to the contractor, and will be reimbursed for 80% of the total project cost after all receipts, invoices, and water well decommissioning records are submitted to the NPCA.

## 5 Steps for Interested Property Owners:

1. Contact NPCA for an application and program information.
2. Fill out the application and submit to NPCA with two (2) quotes from licensed water well contractors which contain a detailed description of proposed work.
3. Obtain pre-approval from NPCA to proceed with proposed work.
4. Complete proposed work and submit all receipts, invoices, and water well decommissioning record(s) to NPCA for review.
5. Receive final approval and grant funding from NPCA.