

# WATER WELL DECOMMISSIONING GRANT PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND TERMS & CONDITIONS

## PROJECT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 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 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 of the Environment (MOE) as set out in Ontario Regulation 903.
- The proposed work must comply with the 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 submitted to the MOE 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 and lands located within the NPCA jurisdiction.
- Priority will be given to:
  - Hydrogeologically sensitive areas (based on NPCA Groundwater Study or other studies 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.

## TERM & CONDITIONS FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE

- 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.
- The applicant is required to submit a completed application form and at least two (2) quotes for the proposed work.
- Work must be completed according to the approved plans and specifications and to the satisfaction of the NPCA in order to receive grant assistance.
- Work must be completed by a water well contractor licensed by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) 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 MOE 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.
- The landowner is responsible for all payments to the 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 purposes of conducting project assessment.