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APPLICATION FORM

Riparian Area Management Program

Program Objectives

To provide landowners an incentive based, volunteer program with the intent of improving and restoring the ecological and economic benefits provided by a healthy riparian area on their land.

Definition

For the purposes of this application, the area defined as “riparian” includes transitional lands between a waterbody (e.g., lake, wetland, stream) and the surrounding upland.

Eligibility

Applicants must

- sign and submit a complete “Riparian Area Management Program Application Form”;
- sign and submit a “Consent to Entry and Release of Liability Agreement”; and
- own land which contains a riparian zone in the East Interlake Watershed District.

Landowners who have developed an “Environmental Farm Plan” through the Canada-Manitoba Farm Stewardship program will be given priority.

Applicant Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Cell #: _____ **e-mail:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Quarter: Qtr: _____ Sec.: _____ Twp.: _____ Rng.: _____

Project Quarter: Qtr: _____ Sec.: _____ Twp.: _____ Rng.: _____

Name of waterway or lake (if named): _____

Date of Application (dd/mm/yyyy): _____

Estimated Project Start Date: _____

Briefly explain the type of riparian enhancement and/or protection project you plan on completing.

If known, what is the estimated cost for the project(s)? _____

Have you applied for funding through any other programs, including the EFP or Growing Forward?

Yes

No

If yes, provide what project(s) have been approved and the estimated cost for the project(s)

Project Area Sketch:

In the space provided below, sketch the area of the proposed project including existing streams, wetlands, roads, structures, and any other relevant features.



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Other Comments:

Eligible Project Types

Livestock Exclusion Fencing

Definition: The use of fencing to prevent livestock from accessing riparian areas.

Objectives:

- Improve riparian conditions and wildlife habitat by enhancing plant cover, increasing bank stability, and decreasing soil erosion.
- Improve water quality and fish habitat by reducing sediment and animal waste inputs.
- Improve herd health and growth by ensuring the water they consume is safe.

Terms and Conditions:

- This project is intended for the exclusion of livestock from riparian areas only and does not cover peripheral fencing.
- Exclusion fence must be installed a minimum of 10 m (33 ft) from the water body.

Off-Stream Watering Systems

Definition: The use of alternate watering systems to eliminate the need for cattle to pass through riparian areas and drink directly from a waterbody.

Objectives:

- Improve water quality and fish habitat by reducing the amount of time cattle spend in a waterway/body.
- Improve riparian conditions by preventing over-grazing which results in enhanced plant cover, increased bank stability, and minimizes soil loss.
- Provide water that is reliable, of good quality, and easily accessible to improve livestock health and growth.

Terms and Conditions:

- Livestock must be watering at the waterway/body.
- Project must include livestock exclusion from the riparian area.
- This program is not intended for system upgrades or renewal; the EIWD will only cost-share a new system.

Streambank/Shoreline Stabilization

Definition: The use of vegetative and/or other methods to prevent the erosion or deterioration of the bank(s) of a waterway.

Objectives:

- Improve water quality and fish habitat by preventing bank erosion and downstream sedimentation.
- Improve riparian conditions and wildlife habitat by establishing and increasing vegetative cover.
- Prevent loss of property.

Terms and Conditions:

- If cattle are present at project site, the inclusion of a riparian area exclusion system is required.

Buffer Strip Creation

Definition: The establishment of a vegetated strip along a waterway or waterbody that would serve to function as a riparian area.

Objectives:

- Stabilize shoreline soil to prevent shoreline erosion and downstream sedimentation.
- Trap snow to reduce peak flows during spring runoff, recharge groundwater, and cause a slower snowmelt.
- Filter surface water flowing into the waterbody by removing nutrients, bacteria, and sediment.
- Provide shade over the waterbody to limit water temperature changes.
- Provide habitat for wildlife and fish.

Terms and Conditions:

- In order to ensure effectiveness of the project, buffer strips must be a contiguous minimum of 10 m (33 ft).
- If applicable, the project must include a livestock exclusion system.

General Program Terms and Conditions:

- The Board of the East Interlake Watershed District reserves the right to determine if a project is required, feasible, and eligible under this program.
- Project costs will be cost-shared between the EIWD and landowner at a rate of 75% and 25% respectively.
- The Board of the East Interlake Watershed District reserves the right to cap the funding support of any given project to a maximum they deem appropriate.
- If the project is partially funded by a third party or program, the EIWD will cost-share the landowner's portion of the third party's agreement.
- Projects with a more natural design will receive priority.
- Feasibility of a project is subject to available funds.

The applicant shall:

- Complete, sign, and submit a Riparian Area Management Application.
- Sign and submit a "Consent to Entry and Release of Liability Agreement".
- Not intentionally alter, change, remove, or modify a project without written consent of the East Interlake Watershed District.
- Grant the EIWD the right and privilege of preserving and publicizing the project (e.g., posting signage, referencing the Project in media releases).
- Negate themselves from other EIWD programs should they fail to meet the Terms and Conditions of this Application.

The East Interlake Watershed District shall:

- Conduct a riparian area assessment after receiving a completed application and determine if a project is required, feasible, and eligible for the Riparian Area Management Program.
- Notify applicants regarding the status of their application(s).
- Provide the necessary procedures to manage the riparian areas if a project is required, feasible, and eligible.
- Retain the right and privilege of preserving and publicizing the project (e.g., posting signage, referencing the site in media releases).

I hereby declare that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Program Terms and Conditions.

I understand that participation in this program is strictly voluntary and I freely chose to participate.

 Applicant signature

 Applicant (please print)

Date Signed (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

Consent to Entry and Release of Liability Agreement

I, the undersigned owner of the property, or duly authorized agent representing the property owner at the property site described herein, hereby grant the East Interlake Watershed District, its authorized representatives, its Board members, and approved contractors, the right to enter and have access to my property, at any reasonable time, with all necessary equipment, vehicles, and materials, and thereon to carry out all works necessary to complete the riparian area management project at _____.

(Legal Land Location or Street Address & Town)

I hereby release the East Interlake Watershed District, its authorized representatives, its Board members, and approved contractors from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action or obligations whatsoever, known or unknown, directly or indirectly arising out of or relating to entry on my property for purposes related to the project; including, without limitation, all liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action or obligations including personal injury, death and property damage; or, any consequential, incidental, or special damages that may occur to any shrubs, trees, landscaping, buildings, livestock, sod, underground piping, gas line, wiring, or any other property or equipment located on my property.

I agree that in the event that I sell the property, or, if I am an authorized agent of the property owner and I become no longer authorized to consent to this Agreement, or, if I wish to cancel this Agreement, I will immediately notify the East Interlake Watershed District in writing at Box 1740, Gimli, MB, R0C 1B0.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OBLIGATIONS THAT IT CREATES. I AM LEGALLY ABLE AND AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS AGREEMENT AND VOLUNTARILY ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND GIVE MY CONSENT TO ENTRY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AS SET FORTH HEREIN.

Applicant signature

Applicant (please print)

Date