

## ENHANCEMENT PROTECTION PROGRAM | 2022

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - Regenerative Agriculture Stream

#### Program Objectives

To encourage the enhancement and restoration of soils in agricultural fields through regenerative agricultural practices. Proposed practice(s) should focus on some/all of the following objectives: increase ecological function, increase wildlife/pollinator habitat, increase carbon sequestration, improve soil health, increase water storage capacity, reduce flooding, increase biodiversity, and reduce soil erosion. The EIWD will cooperate with willing landowners, partners, and the Watershed Sub-District/GROW committee to select the most suitable sites that achieve the greatest overall watershed benefits. This program is directly associated with the Province of Manitoba's GRowing Outcomes in Watersheds (GROW) Program.

#### Enhancement Protection Program Application Process

1. Fill out and submit this "Expression of Interest" (EOI) form.
2. Work with EIWD staff to further develop ideas, design (if needed), budget, and funding request (%).
3. EIWD staff will create a bid, and your project will be presented to the GROW Committee in a Conservation Auction.
4. Wait to receive official approval, declination, or suggested amendments from the GROW Committee.
5. If approved, sign and submit the Funding Agreement, and commence project.
6. Submit Claim Form and all supporting documents to receive funding as a rebate.

#### Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Own/lease land within the East Interlake Watershed District (EIWD).
- Have a valid Statement of Completion (SOC) for an Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) through Ag Action or be willing to complete one to receive funding.
- Attend an on-farm regenerative agriculture workshop hosted by the EIWD in partnership with local producers.

**The conversion of grassland/pasture/forest that provide significant ecological goods and services into annual agricultural land is not an eligible project. Alternatively, please consider a Conservation Contract (annual incentive payment).**

### 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name		Last Name	
Farm Name		E-mail Address	
Home Phone #		Cell Phone #	
Mailing Address (Street and/or PO Box)	Village/Town/City	Postal Code	
Project Location (Legal Land Description and/or Physical Address)			
Do you have a valid Statement of Completion (SOC) for an Environmental Farm Plan (EFP)? (circle one)			
Yes	No - but I am willing to get one to receive funding	No - I am not willing to get one	

#### Office Use

File #: \_\_\_\_\_ Sub-District: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Category: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2. PROPOSED PROJECT OVERVIEW

Note: If you don't have a specific project in mind, please do your best to fill out the details below and an EIWD staff member will contact you to aid in the development of a regenerative agriculture project.

1. Describe your overall operation (e.g. type of farm, management systems, crop rotation, acres farmed, etc.)

2. A) Is your proposed project location a new area that regenerative agriculture is being practice? Circle one.

YES

NO

2. B) If you answered no, how many years has this field had regenerative agriculture practices on it? Please list the regenerative agriculture practices and the years completed.

3. Describe your project proposal (include # of acres improved)

4. What are your reasons for pursuing this project?

5. What is the current land cover? E.g., annual cropland (specify crop rotation), tame pasture, native wild pasture, etc.

6. What will the land cover be after the proposed project is complete? E.g., annual cropland, tame pasture, wild pasture, etc.

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7. If planting a cover crop, please specify 1) the type of cover crop, 2) the species in blend, and 3) why you chose this blend.

8. If planting a cover crop, what is your plan for cover crop termination? E.g. work into land, graze, cut for hay/silage, etc.

9. What kind of soil disturbance may occur throughout the duration of your proposed project? E.g., chemical or physical – tilling, fertilizer, pesticide, etc.

10. Will the soil for your proposed project be covered throughout the duration of your proposed project? If yes, how?

11. Will there be living roots in the soil over winter? If yes, please specify which perennial species will be planted. If they will be terminated in the spring, please explain how.

12. How will your proposed project increase biodiversity?

13. Will you be integrating livestock into your proposed project?

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14. Please include a diagram illustrating your proposed project (either by sketching in the space below or attaching an additional document). Be sure to indicate the location of any important features including wells, water bodies, buildings, and fences in your diagram.



15. Are you interested in other enhancement, conservation, or restoration projects? Please circle all projects that interest you or write in any other project ideas you have.

Water Storage

Wetland Enhancement

Eco-Buffer Shelterbelt

Prairie Rehabilitation

Reforestation

Riparian Area  
Enhancement

Pollinator Buffer Strips

Conservation Contract  
(wetland, forest, prairie)

Other:

16. Date of Application:

17. How did you find out about our program?

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### 3. PROPOSED BUDGET AND FUNDING REQUEST

Complete the table below with all estimated costs including in-kind labour and equipment usage.

Expense Description	In-Kind? Y or N	Estimated Cost
Total Project Cost:		\$

Funding Request (e.g. dollar amount or percentage of total)

Note: This table details cost estimates and funding request. Approved projects may be approved for more or less than the applicant's funding request.

### 4. DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I understand that the Enhancement and Protection Program is a competitive process and that my application may be approved, declined, and/or require amendments.

I understand that if my application is approved, the approved funding amount may differ from the funding request outlined in Table 3.

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*Signature of Applicant(s)* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Date Signed (dd/mm/yy)*

Please submit your application to the East Interlake Watershed District:  
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 74 First Avenue | Fax: 204-642-7581  
 Email: [Info@EastInterlake.ca](mailto:Info@EastInterlake.ca)