

Huron Clean Water Project Update Report

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Huron County Clean Water Project

We are protecting water together.



- Cost-share program to improve and protect water quality
- Partnership between Huron County, Conservation Authorities and landowners .
- Program needs all the partners to be successful:
 - leadership and stable funding from County of Huron
 - expertise in environmental practices from conservation authorities and
 - landowner participation.



HCWP Review Committee (from left): Neil Vincent, Ben Van Diepenbeek, Duncan Jewell and Jack Kroes

- Launched in 2004; first completed projects in 2005
- County of Huron initiative – local priorities and decision-making
- Voluntary program to provide funding and technical assistance for Best Management Practices (BMPs) for farmers, non-farm rural and urban landowners
- Project Review Committee: Ben Van Diepenbeek and Neil Vincent (Huron County Council); Jack Kroes (CFFO); Duncan Jewell (citizen appointee)
- Committee met five times in 2017
- Funding provided by County of Huron, agencies, government, and local landowners
- Delivered by Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Conservation Authorities

Conservation Authority Delivery Role

- **Project promotion** to landowners, media, organizations, social media
- **One-to-one** site visits, advice
- **Accountability** – site visits, grant tracking, bookkeeping, presentations to Review committee
- **Leverage** Huron County funds with other funding
- Combined **75 years** experience in soil and water Best Management Practices



Summer 2017 CTV News: Fields to Fork Feature on HCWP and Cover Crops



Maitland
CONSERVATION



AUSABLE BAYFIELD
CONSERVATION
CREATING AWARENESS | TAKING ACTION

✓ **2,655** Projects Completed



- Established 170 kilometres of windbreaks
- Upgraded 382 private wells

Planted:

- 10,000 acres of cover crops in first two years
- More than 50 acres per year in trees!

Decommissioned:

- 527 unused wells
- 92 liquid manure storages

Completed:

- 83 Forest Management Plans
- 713 tree planting projects
- 218 erosion control projects


And Much More!



It's All About Water

Huron County offers grants
to support conservation projects
by county landowners, residents,
and community groups.

Be a Water Champion

- Preserve topsoil and limit erosion
 - Plant cover crops • Plant windbreaks
 - Maintain, improve soil health for your operation and your community
 - Protect your creek, rivers, groundwater, and Lake Huron
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2017 Highlights

- **> \$1 million in environmental projects**
- 255 projects completed
- \$326,280 in grants paid
- \$675,000 in landowner contribution
- Top 3 grant categories
 - Erosion control: \$108,411
 - Tree planting: \$82,023
 - Cover crops: \$55,964
- Top 3 project categories
 - 79 cover crop projects
 - 70 tree planting projects
 - 26 erosion control projects

Projects Eligible for Funding	Maximum Grant
Erosion Control Measures	\$5,000
Special Projects	\$3,000
Rural Stormwater Management and Wetland Management	\$3,000
Clean Water Diversion	\$3,000
Fragile Land Retirement	\$3,000
Livestock Access Restriction	\$3,000
Manure Storage Decommission	\$3,000
Community Projects	\$2,000
Composting Toilets and On-site Wastewater Inspections	\$1,000
Forest Management Plans and Woodlot Enhancement	\$1,000
Wellhead Protection	\$750
Well Decommission	\$750
Stewardship Guide Implementation	\$500
Cover Crop Incentive	\$10/acre
Living Snow Fences	\$20/tree plus \$500 per acre
Wellhead Protection Area Reforestation Project	\$2,000 plus \$500 per acre
Wetland Restoration Incentive Program	\$300 per acre

Thanks for your support!



**It's Easy
to Apply for Grants**



Talk to us today!

- Maitland Conservation:
519-335-3557
- Ausable Bayfield Conservation:
519-235-2610
1-888-286-2610

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Maitland Valley and Ausable Bayfield
conservation authorities provide service delivery.



Staff members make it easy for you
to get money to support your projects.