

# 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



# ✓ 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!

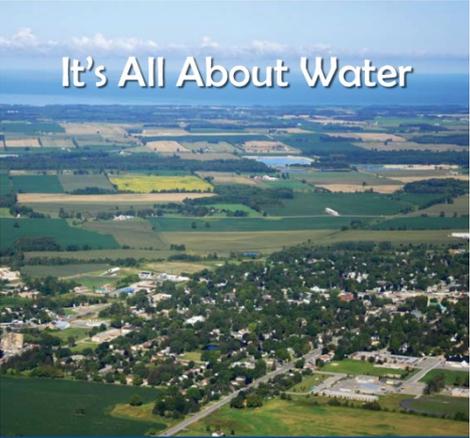
## Decommissioned:

- 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

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

# 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
- [huroncounty.ca](http://huroncounty.ca) • [mvca.on.ca](http://mvca.on.ca) • [abca.on.ca](http://abca.on.ca)

Maitland Valley and Ausable Bayfield  
conservation authorities provide service delivery.



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

