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Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program Application

Applications will be accepted between **April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024**

Step 1: Eligibility Requirements

I confirm that all the following conditions are met:

- √ Clients new to Programs since 2023 must complete the Program Funding Registration form. Returning clients must update the form as needed.
- √ Is a farm that is currently registered in the correct income category under the *Farm Registration Act*
- √ Eligible lands according to Program Guidelines
- √ Current (within five years) Environmental Farm Plan, including schedule A and B (projects applied for must be listed on these) or in progress.
- √ Is at least 19 years of age
- √ Project quotes attached (Stream 1 – Reduced Tillage only)

Note: The above requirements must be met, otherwise the application will not be processed. Reference program guidelines for eligible projects, project timelines, and claim dates.

Step 2: Applicant Information

Business / Farm Name			
Applicant Name			
CRA Business Number			
Phone Number			
Email			
Mailing Address			
City / Town	County	Postal Code	

Self Identification

Note: this information is not part of determining program eligibility and is voluntary

A) Applicant Self Identification (Owner/Operator)

Select all that Apply	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (Individuals 40 years old and younger) <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Mi'kmaq <input type="checkbox"/> Métis <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> African Nova Scotian <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to identify
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Step 3: Details about your Proposed Projects(s)

County of Project Location (select one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annapolis | <input type="checkbox"/> Antigonish | <input type="checkbox"/> Cape Breton | <input type="checkbox"/> Colchester | <input type="checkbox"/> Cumberland | <input type="checkbox"/> Digby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guysborough | <input type="checkbox"/> Halifax | <input type="checkbox"/> Hants | <input type="checkbox"/> Inverness | <input type="checkbox"/> Kings | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunenburg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pictou | <input type="checkbox"/> Queens | <input type="checkbox"/> Richmond | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelburne | <input type="checkbox"/> Victoria | <input type="checkbox"/> Yarmouth |

If you have specific questions, please contact the Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program Coordinator:

Jeff Wentzell
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Select the streams below that you are applying for and provide the required details for each section.

Program Streams in this Application:

- Stream 1** – Reduced Tillage
- Stream 2** – Pollinator Habitat
- Stream 4** – Riparian Buffers and Shelterbelts

Stream 1: Reduced Tillage (Quotes Required)

\$200/acre or 50% assistance up to \$30,000

Eligible Expenses	Estimated Converted Acres	Total Project Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> RT1: Transition to zero tillage on annual cropland (equipment)		
<input type="checkbox"/> RT2: Transition to reduced tillage on annual cropland (equipment)		
<input type="checkbox"/> RT3: Strip Tillage (equipment)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Limestone Application (One-time)		

Note: Applicants must be completing one of the above activities (RT1, RT2, or RT3) to be eligible for the Limestone application

Property identification (8-Digit PID(s)) – Include all PIDs where equipment will be utilized.				

Cropping Estimate (Acreage) – Program is incremental acres utilized, include only new acres in upcoming years.		
Project Year	Estimate Acres (total)	Crops to be Grown
2024 Cropping Year		
2025 Cropping Year		
2026 Cropping Year		
2027 Cropping Year		

- I confirm these additional requirements will be met when completing these projects.**
- √ 3-year cropping plan indicating reduced tillage
 - √ Limestone funding contingent on purchase of reduced till equipment and acres reported converted to reduced till
 - √ Involvement in cover crop rotation

For RT1 and RT2 transition to zero tillage or reduced tillage

Baseline tillage practice:

General soil texture (coarse, medium, fine) Link to Soils Map for AAFC Reporting - [here](#)

For RT3 Strip Tillage

Average area (acres) / year under strip tillage instead of conventional tillage:

Tillage timing: Fall Spring

Stream 2: Pollinator Habitat

\$600/acre up to \$10,000

Eligible Expenses	8-Digit PID	Estimated Converted Acres
<input type="checkbox"/> PH1: Establishment of pollinator strips or other perennial cover for pollinator habitat or other biodiversity purposes in fields or field margins of existing cropland (less than 20 acres)		
<input type="checkbox"/> PH1: Pollinator Habitat installations over 20 acres (will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis)		

Stream 2: Pollinator Habitat

- I confirm these additional requirements will be met when completing these projects.
- √ Be cropland that is planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity four of the previous six crop years (2016-2022)
 - √ Acreage selected must be at least 0.5 acres
 - √ Mow only 30% of the pollinator habitat per year
 - √ Seed mix must not contain species listed in the Nova Scotia Agricultural Weed Control Act as a Noxious Weed
 - √ Pollinator strips should be left season-long before harvest to maximize habitat potential

For PH1 Pollinator Habitat
General soil texture (coarse, medium or fine):
Species seeded or planted (or cover type):
Ratio of trees to shrubs and forages (if applicable):

Stream 4: Riparian Buffers and Shelterbelts

Up to \$1,500/acre of establishment costs and Optional 10-year agreement payment \$5,000/acre (**For Buffers only**)

Eligible Expenses	8-Digit PID	Estimated Converted Acres
<input type="checkbox"/> BS2: Creation or widening of buffers (trees or shrubs) in agricultural fields adjacent to surface water sources, as well as other actions to protect existing riparian areas such as reshaping of edges and fields.		
<input type="checkbox"/> A land-rent payment of \$5,000/acre is available if the landowner signs a 10-year conservation agreement (For Riparian Buffers only)		
<input type="checkbox"/> BS4: Establishment of shelterbelts or tree buffers for farmyards, livestock facilities, and fields as well as intercropping with trees on annual cropland. This can include replacement of old shelterbelts, where the current shelterbelt in place is unhealthy. Requires a 5-year conservation agreement.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Smaller acreage (less than 0.5 acres) for buffers and shelterbelts (will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis)		

I confirm these additional requirements will be met when completing these projects.

- ✓ Organizations specializing in habitat restoration
- ✓ Projects take place on agricultural fields next to surface water sources
- ✓ Agricultural fields must be cropped for at least two of the past three years
- ✓ Plantings on marshland is not eligible
- ✓ Tree/shrub species should remain on the landscape for natural lifespan

For **BS2** Creation or widening of buffers

Previous land-use (annual, perennial, grazing):

General soil texture (coarse, medium or fine):

Tree / shrub species planted (or cover type):

of trees / shrubs (if applicable):

For **BS4** Establishment of shelterbelts or tree buffers for farmyards

Estimated # of trees / shrubs purchased:

Tree and / or shrub species to be planted:

Declaration, Authorization and Consent

By submitting this application form, I acknowledge and agree with the following:

- I have disclosed accurate, true and complete information to the program administration to date and I will continue to provide accurate, true and complete information which is not misleading;
- that I have read the Program Guidelines and, if the application is approved in whole or in part, I agree to abide by the terms and conditions as set out in the Program Guidelines;
- I consent to the audit and verification of the information at any time prior to project commencement, during work, or upon completion of the project. Such audit and verification may be performed by the Province of Nova Scotia, Government of Canada or other parties chosen by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture for audit and verification purposes;
- I consent to the use and disclosure of the information by officials of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, officials of programs offered by the Government of Canada or Province of Nova Scotia, and cooperating funding partners, where the information is relevant for the purposes of audit, analysis, evaluation, program development and determining program funding;
- I agree to repay any amount determined through audit or inspection that is deemed to have been provided in excess of the program funding to which I am entitled;
- I consent to the release of my name and the amount of any funding received under the Program as public information, to be actively disseminated by the Province of Nova Scotia and Government of Canada;
- I acknowledge that any other information provided, unless disclosed in the manner and for the purposes to which I have consented above, will be subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOI/PIPA)*;
- I consent to representatives of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture contacting me to discuss the results of the Program;
- I consent to the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture publishing the results of the Program with respect to the farm which may include my name, my farm location, the amount received and details about the projects associated with this Program; and
- I confirm that I have the authority to bind the applicant.

Applicant Name (print)

Applicant Signature

Date

Return completed Application to:

**Department of Agriculture
Programs Office**

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