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BIG OTTER CREEK SUB-WATERSHED - COVER CROP INCENTIVE PROGRAM – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

With funding support from the Canada Water Agency's Great Lakes Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative, the Long Point Region Conservation Authority has developed a Cover Crop Incentive Program in the Big Otter Creek sub-watershed to encourage farmers to try different varieties of cover crops in their field crop rotations. Cover crops help to build better soil structure and increases organics, provides erosion control, and can build yield potential while maintaining soil health.

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Social Insurance Number (SIN#) for the AGR-1 tax form: _____

Cover Crop Location(s)

911 Address: _____

Lot: _____ Concession: _____

Township: _____ County: _____

*Attach additional cover crop locations if required.

Type of Cover Crop(s)	Seeding Rate	Acres

When will the cover crops be planted? _____

What crop will it follow or be established into? _____

When will the cover crop be killed? _____

Incentive Guidelines

Eligible Projects – Crops that are grown for the purpose of providing cover over the winter. Crops grown for harvest are excluded from the cover crop program (e.g., winter cereals).

Project Details

- Priority will be given to areas adjacent to watercourses, wetlands, or with tile drainage.
- Applicants should register all potential fields and provide a crop rotation plan.
- A spring residue measurement of at least 50% cover is required to receive the incentive. The cover crop will be verified by program staff before spring tillage.
- Cover crops may be tilled no sooner than the spring of the year following planting (they may be chemically killed the previous fall). Exceptions include: fall strip tillage; contour tillage that disturbs less than 50% of the soil surface; or other types of tillage that disturbs less than 50% of the ground surface and allows more than 50% of the cover crop roots to stay intact; and which must still meet the minimum 50% cover as verified in the following spring.
- Where the cover crop does not meet 50% cover during the spring assessment, AND no tillage or grazing has occurred, seed costs will be reimbursed to a maximum of \$10/acre on approved acres.
- Cover crops must be destroyed before June 1st.
- Returning applicants may apply for the cover crop incentive on a different field, or on the same field as previous years if the applicant plants a different cover crop/species mix, or where the cover crop follows a different harvested crop.

Grant Rates

- One (1) species of cover crop - \$30/acre
- Two (2) species of cover crops - \$40/acre
- Three or more species of cover crops - \$50/acre

Maximum Acreage – 100 acres

Maximum Grant - \$5,000

Note, both maximum acreage and grant rate can increase if there is low project uptake.

Please send the completed expression of interest to the above address, c/o Paul Gagnon, Lands & Waters Supervisor. They can also be emailed to watercare@lprca.on.ca

Landowner Signature

Location of Cover Crops (attach additional maps if required)