



INCENTIVE PROJECT GUIDELINES

WETLANDS CONSERVATION / ENHANCEMENT - OXFORD COUNTY

Wetlands are permanently or seasonally flooded areas with high water tables, saturated soils and water-tolerant plants. Types of wetlands include: fens, bogs, swamps, marshes, and ponds. Swamps and marshes are the most common type of wetland in Oxford County.

Cost-Share Rate:

- 50% for locally significant or unevaluated wetlands
- 70% for Provincially Significant Wetlands or wetland features associated with significant terrestrial features identified in the Oxford Natural Heritage Study (ONHS)

Maximum Payment: \$3,000

Purpose:

- To conserve and enhance the wetland-related natural heritage resources in Oxford County
- To conserve and protect surface water quality, prevent floods, and store water for release into streams and other shallow water systems as well as shallow aquifers

Eligibility:

- Private landowners throughout **Oxford County**
- Public lands throughout **Oxford County**

Eligible Projects:

- Create swamps, marshes, and ponds (for wildlife)
- Plant buffer strips around swamps, marshes, and ponds
- Plant lure crops, such as native grasses, around swamps, marshes, and ponds
- Install wetland drain structures for wetland creation and controlled drainage
- Install water level control devices
- Habitat structures such as wood duck boxes, osprey nests, basking areas
- Install beaver baffles
- Invasive species control measures
- Subsurface drainage tile removal or system decommissioning
- Other

Project Details:

- Livestock must be fenced out of wetland
- Appropriate permits and/or approvals must be obtained for all activities in and around existing wetlands or created wetland areas
- Municipal approval must be obtained for any alteration of existing drainage works

Eligible Costs:

- Materials and labour associated with the project

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