

## LIVESTOCK ACCESS RESTRICTION TO WATERCOURSES

**Cost-Share Rate:** 50% of the cost of an installed fence, or 70% of the cost of materials for a self-installed fence  
**Maximum Payment:** \$3,000

### Purpose:

- To improve surface water quality by controlling livestock access to watercourses and wetlands.

### Eligibility:

- Must complete an Environmental Farm Plan to be eligible
- Projects receiving cost-sharing through other sources must acquire alternative funding first and the CWP will pay the difference, to a maximum of 70%.

### Eligible Projects:

- Fencing along watercourses and wetlands
- Livestock crossings
- Alternative watering devices

### Project Details:

Maximum cost share will not exceed \$4.00/foot installed or \$3.00/foot for materials.

#### Fencing

- Temporary fencing will be considered eligible but will require a signed agreement requiring the applicant to install the fence prior to livestock being introduced to the pasture every year and to maintain the fence while livestock are present in the pasture.
- Maximum cost share will not exceed \$3.50/foot (0.2 m) installed or \$2.50/foot for materials.
- Fencing must be at least 10 feet (3.4 m) from the top of the bank of any watercourse unless access for drain maintenance is required.
- Only fencing along a ditch/watercourse or wetland will be considered for funding.

#### Crossings

- Crossings can be either mid-level, low flow crossings with culverts, bed level or above-flow crossings. To be eligible for cost-share on a crossing, fencing along the watercourse must either be undertaken concurrently, or livestock must already be restricted from the watercourse. For a bed level crossing both sides of the crossing must be gated and the management plan must include driving livestock through the crossing.

#### Alternative Water Systems

- Watering systems are eligible for funding only where livestock are restricted from the watercourse.

**NOTE:** Projects in and along waterways and ditches may need approval by municipalities, the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, or the Conservation Authority prior to implementation. Any work done on municipal drains also requires prior approval from the municipality. The applicant is responsible for acquiring all necessary approvals.

### Eligible Costs:

- Engineering fees
- Labour (other than applicant or applicant's dependent family)
- Permanent and temporary fencing
- Livestock crossings as outlined above
- Alternative water devices such as nose pumps, spring boxes, wind and solar powered pumping units; other systems may be considered

### Ineligible Projects / Costs:

- New operations or a change in management are not eligible
- Primary hydro lines
- Permits
- Cost of drilling new wells
- Labour and machinery use of the applicant, family dependents and the applicant's business