

What is the ONTARIO DRINKING WATER STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM?

As part of its commitment to safe drinking water and as established in the *Clean Water Act*, the Ministry of the Environment has launched the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program, a financial assistance program to help landowners take action to reduce threats to local municipal drinking water sources.

Funding will be provided by the Ministry of the Environment, through partnerships with participating Source Protection Regions and Areas. A total of \$21 million is available over three years from spring 2008 to spring 2011.

- The first phase was the Source Protection Program – a transitional program in which \$7 million was available in 2007 – 2008.
- The second phase is the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program, where \$21 million will be made available over three years from spring 2008 to spring 2011.



Who is Eligible?

Eligible for Funding under the ONTARIO DRINKING WATER STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Under the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program, funding will be available to assist landowners who take early actions that protect municipal drinking water sources within four key areas.

- 100-metre radius of a municipal wellhead
- 200-metre radius of a municipal surface water intake
- 2-year time of travel around a municipal well
- IPZ-1 (intake protection zone one) around a municipal surface water intake, that has been accepted by local municipalities through council resolution



How?

Do I Access the ONTARIO DRINKING WATER STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

If you are a landowner whose property is within or extends into the 100-metre radius of a municipal wellhead, the 200-metre radius of a municipal surface water intake, the 2-year time of travel around a municipal well, or the IPZ-1 (intake protection zone one) around a municipal surface water intake as accepted through a municipal council resolution, you may be eligible for funding. To apply for funding:

- 1 Contact your local conservation authority (or OSCIA for farms registered under the COFSP) to discuss eligibility for your project(s), funding guidelines, and to request a site visit and an application form.
- 2 Collect necessary information for your project(s) (permits, approvals, project design details, etc.) from a qualified industry professional.
- 3 Submit completed application form with supporting information to your local conservation authority.
- 4 Obtain approval from your local conservation authority and commence project.
- 5 Funds will be forwarded to you following a site visit from your local conservation authority and after you have submitted copies of all invoices for work completed.

For More Information:

This brochure provides general program information only. For more detailed information about programs available in your area, deadlines and application requirements, please contact your local Conservation Authority.



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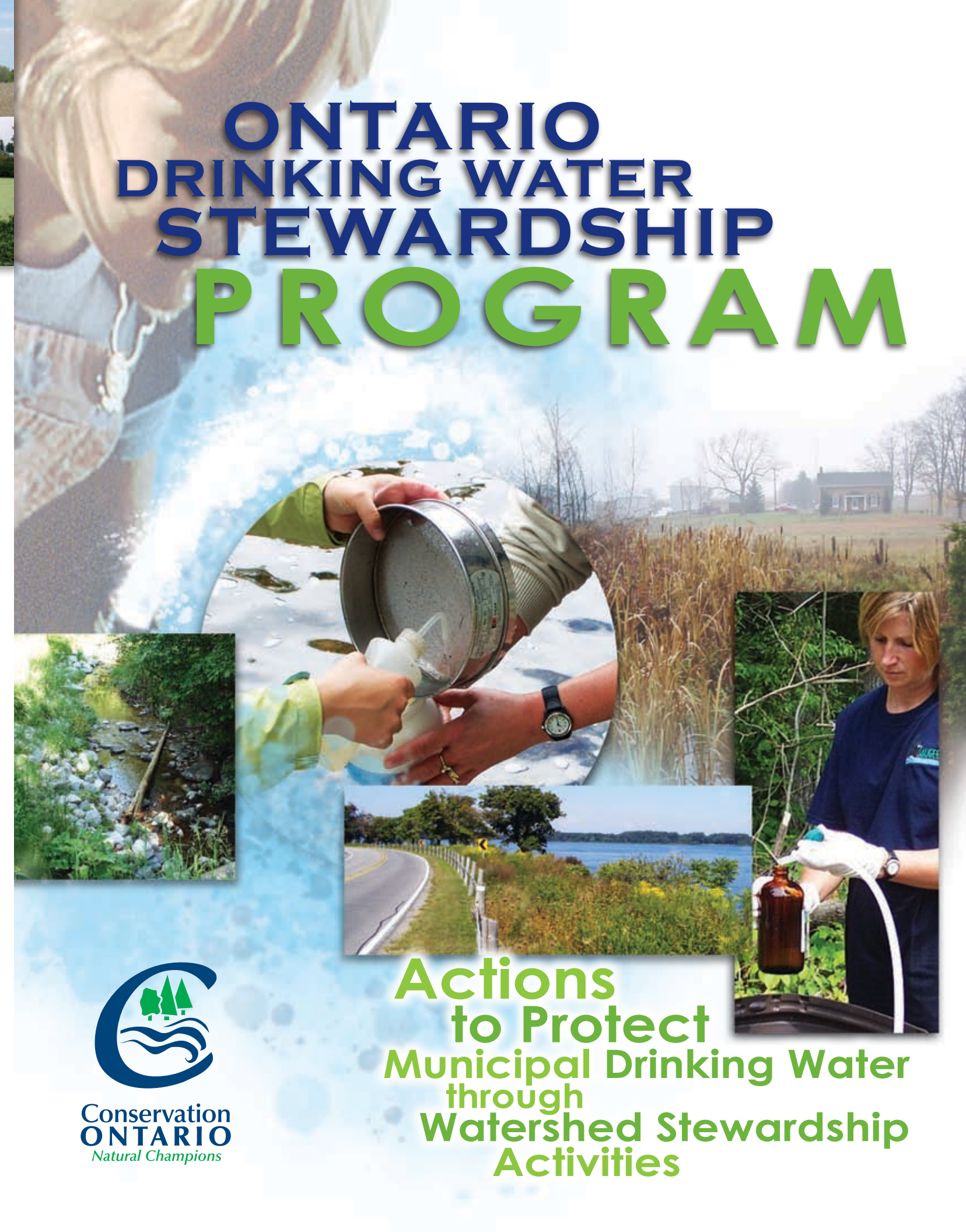
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For more information on the Source Protection Program, please visit the Ministry of the Environment's website:

www.ontario.ca/cleanwater

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Actions to Protect Municipal Drinking Water through Watershed Stewardship Activities



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PROGRAM	WHY APPLY FOR THIS FUND?	ELIGIBLE PROJECTS	ELIGIBLE COSTS	GRANT RATES & CAPS
Well Decommissioning & Upgrading*	The main purpose of the well decommissioning and upgrading funding is to make certain that unsealed abandoned wells and improperly sealed or maintained house, business, institutional, and farm wells are secure, since it can provide a direct link between surface pollutants and groundwater. Abandoned wells are a significant pathway for contamination to local aquifers and watersheds. Damaged or poorly maintained drinking water wells pose an equally significant threat to personal and public health and must be maintained to prevent groundwater contamination.	To be eligible to receive funding for the following projects, the applicant's property must be within or extend into the 100-metre radius of a municipal wellhead, the 200-metre radius of a municipal surface water intake, the 2-year time of travel around a municipal well, or the IPZ-1 (intake protection zone one) around a municipal surface water intake as accepted through a municipal council resolution. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sealing and capping old water wells (e.g., dug, bored, drilled or sandpoint) by a licensed well technician/well contractor licensed under the <i>Ontario Water Resources Act</i>. Upgrade maintenance for water wells currently in use to protect existing water wells from surface contamination by a licensed well technician/well contractor licensed under the <i>Ontario Water Resources Act</i>. Connection to a municipal drinking water service line/trunk line, and the decommissioning of the existing well (both projects required to be completed in order to receive funding). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required permits and approvals for the project(s) Purchased material and supplies Contract labour (e.g., electrical and plumbing) Professional fees/technical support Fees for related design, inspection and construction 	80% \$4,000
Septic System Inspection & Upgrades*	The main purpose of the septic system upgrades and repairs funding is to protect municipal groundwater and surface water sources through repairing, upgrading or replacing part or all of faulty or malfunctioning septic systems. Landowners not maintaining their septic system can result in the contamination of drinking water sources, and can cause serious environmental and health problems. To address these issues, funding is available for septic system inspections that are part of septic system upgrades and repairs.	To be eligible to receive funding for the following projects, the applicant's property must be within or extend into the 100-metre radius of a municipal wellhead, the 200-metre radius of a municipal surface water intake, the 2-year time of travel around a municipal well, or the IPZ-1 (intake protection zone one) around a municipal surface water intake as accepted through a municipal council resolution. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace septic tank and leaching bed Replace septic tank and/or holding tank only Replace leaching bed only Pump septic tank Add plumbing connections/pump to transfer wastewater to septic tank and/or leaching bed Connect to a municipal sewer line and the decommissioning of the existing septic system (both projects required to be completed in order to receive funding) <i>(If this option is available, funding will not be available for upgrades or replacement)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required permits and approvals Material and supplies Contract labour (e.g. electric and plumbing connections) Professional fees/technical support Fees for related design, inspection, and construction/site assessment Connection fees and related work to connect to a municipal sewer line (e.g. decommissioning septic system) 	80% \$7,000 for eligible projects \$15,000 for advanced systems
Runoff & Erosion Protection and Additional Best Management Practices*	The main purpose of runoff and erosion protection funding is to protect municipal drinking water sources from runoff contamination and soil erosion through properly constructing/restoring buffer strips and riparian zones. Well vegetated streambanks and buffer strips can reduce the amount of sediment and nutrients that reach the water source. The additional best management practices are agri-related activities that will also protect municipal drinking water sources through the implementation of manure management practices and in barn improvements.	To be eligible to receive funding for the following projects, the applicant's property must within or extend into the 100-metre radius of a municipal wellhead, the 200-metre radius of a municipal surface water intake, the 2-year time of travel around a municipal well, or the IPZ-1 (intake protection zone one) around a municipal surface water intake as accepted through a municipal council resolution. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment for Improved Manure Land Application Riparian Area Management Erosion Control Structures (Riparian) Erosion Control Structures Land Management for Soils at Risk Cover Crops NM Planning Soil and Erosion Salinity Control Planning Riparian Health Assessment Improved Manure Storage and Handling Manure Treatment In Barn Improvements Farmyard and Horticultural Facilities Runoff Control Product and Waste Management <p><i>Please Note: For more specific eligible projects within each category listed above, please contact your local conservation authority.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required permits and approvals Material and supplies Contract labour (e.g. electric and plumbing connections) Professional fees/technical support Fees for related design, inspection, and construction/site assessment 	Range: 25% to %70 Range: \$1,000 to \$30,000
Pollution Prevention Reviews	The main purpose of the pollution prevention review is to protect municipal drinking water sources by identifying potential contaminants that small and medium-sized businesses may have on the environment, and recommending activities that can be undertaken to reduce potential contaminants impacts.	This funding will be made available to small and medium-sized businesses that have a total number of employees of five hundred or less and that are located within or extend into the 100-metre radius of a municipal wellhead, the 200-metre radius of a municipal surface water intake, the 2-year time of travel around a municipal well, or the IPZ-1 (intake protection zone one) around a municipal surface water intake as accepted through a municipal council resolution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional fees and technical support for businesses Materials and supplies 	100% up to \$12,000
Land Conservation Measures	The purpose of land conservation funding is to assist municipalities who take action to actively manage those parcels of land surrounding municipal drinking water sources through land conservation measures, so that the type of land use activity is not a threat to the source water. For the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP), land conservation measures includes: land purchase, easements and leasing of a landowner's property, followed by careful management of activities on this property thereafter. In all cases, the land within these areas must be managed to ensure the protection of the drinking water source.	To be eligible to receive funding for the following projects, land purchased/leased must be within or extend into the 100-metre radius of a municipal wellhead and/or a 200-metre radius of a municipal surface water intake. Properties within the 2-year time of travel around municipal wells and/or within an IPZ-1 will NOT be eligible for this Early Action priority for the 2008-2009 funding year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required permits and approvals Legal expenses Professional fees / technical support Reporting (i.e. Baseline Documentation Report for an easement property and additional reports), if applicable Financial assistance for the loss of productivity on land that is currently being used for agricultural use (included in grant ceiling for purchased/leased property) Appraisal fees Survey fees Land transfer tax 	30% to 100% CAP: Coming Soon
Fuel Storage Management Practices	At the time of print, this program and the associated funding has not been fully established by the Ministry of the Environment. Please contact your local Conservation Authority for more information.			

* Please contact your local conservation authority for more information, a list of terms and conditions and to determine if there are other cost-sharing opportunities available in your area. All projects must comply with relevant legislation. In the future, local source protection plans may reveal additional issues to be addressed on some properties, but the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program provides a good incentive to get started on some projects now.