

Erosion Control Structure projects under the AgriWatershed Partnership - Beneficial Management Practices (BMP) Program.

Program Guidelines

Funding assistance

- The AWP BMP Support Program will reimburse **75%** of all eligible costs of approved projects upon completion of program claim form accompanied by authorized proofs of payment. Maximum funding per project per year is **\$30,000**.

Who is eligible for funding

- Agricultural producers or owners of land in agricultural production (recommended that they have a valid [Environmental Farm Plan](#)) who have collaborated with their local watershed organization to identify fields impacting, or at high risk to impact, nearby watercourses or wetlands (www.peiwatershedalliance.org). Program funding is directed to projects in fields with discharge points within 200 metres of a designated watercourse or wetland.

Ineligible items for support

Items which are considered normal farm operating expenses;

- Large capital items (i.e. buildings)
- Normal and on-going operating and maintenance costs incurred by recipients
- Soil Management Projects that have received funding under the Canada-PEI Agriculture Partnership (CAP) Program

Eligible Best Management Practices (BMPs)

- Construction of runoff control systems; diversion terraces, grassed waterways and farmable berms.

Eligible Expenses

- Soil excavation costs;
- Field consolidation to accommodate cross-slope erosion control structures;
- Erosion control matting, silt fencing, rock, straw and energy dissipators;
- Seedbed preparation, fertilizer, lime, and grass seed;
- Surface inlets and culverts;
- Silt retention ponds

- Headland expansion/riparian enhancement

Ineligible Expenses

- Water control structures solely for subsurface drainage

Project Requirements

- All construction work must be completed by **September 15** and should only be performed after discussing the work plan with a Soil & Water Conservation Engineer (insert link for contact info)

- Erosion control structures are to be seeded immediately after construction with a recommended grass/cereal mix and then immediately stabilized with erosion control matting as prescribed by the Soil & Water Conservation Engineer with the Department of Agriculture & Land;

- Project construction work must be completed comparable to the standard established by the Department of Agriculture & Land for the CAP Stewardship Program. Successful applicants are required to seek technical support for the project's cost estimate, design, layout of the project in the field, guidance to the contractor, and an inspection when the project is completed, from a provincial Soil & Water Conservation Engineer with the Department of Agriculture & Land;

- To mitigate the potential for environmental risks, successful applicants must adhere to the Construction Guidelines provided by the provincial Soil & Water Engineer for their erosion control structures project.
- To mitigate the potential for environmental risks, Contractors engaged for AWP BMP Program field work must adhere to the **CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR ACTIVITIES IN WATERCOURSES AND WETLANDS** (*insert link*) provided by the Department of Environment, Water and Climate Change, when working within the provincial watercourse and wetland buffers.

Successful Applicant Requirements

Successful applicants must:

- verify the BMP project location and requirements with the project's contractor prior to construction;
- have obtained all required licenses, permits, approvals and/or authorizations and must comply with all applicable municipal, provincial and federal legislation;
- perform recommended farm management practices, particularly with respect to the timing and application rates of manure, commercial fertilizers and pesticides in order to avoid surface and groundwater contamination;
- receive permission from adjoining landowner(s) prior to discharging surface or subsurface drainage across property boundaries; and
- agree to maintain and properly manage, including repairing of damage, all works constructed through their approved project for a minimum 15 years.