

**LIVESTOCK ACCESS RESTRICTION TO WATERCOURSES**

**Cost-share Rate:**

- Up to 50% of the cost of an installed fence or 100% of the cost of materials for a self-installed fence; funding source, program, & location may influence maximum grant

**Purpose:**

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

**Eligibility:**

- Property must fall within SCRCA watershed
- Completing Environmental Farm/Property Plan is encouraged (completed EFPs will take priority)

**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 – requires signed agreement requiring applicant to install the fence prior to livestock being introduced to the pasture every year & to maintain fence while livestock are present in pasture.
- Fencing must be at least 10 ft (3.4 m) from the top of the bank of any watercourse unless access drain for maintenance is required.
- Only fencing along a ditch/watercourse or wetland will be considered for funding

*Crossings*

- Can either be 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 & the management plan must include driving livestock through the crossing.

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**LIVESTOCK ACCESS RESTRICTION TO WATERCOURSES***Alternative Water Systems*

- Only eligible for funding 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's or applicant's dependent family) associated with an approved project
- Permanent and temporary fencing
- Livestock crossings as outlined above
- Alternative water devices such as nose pumps, spring boxes, wind and solar powered pumps; other systems may be considered

**Ineligible Costs:**

- Labour and machinery use of the applicant, family dependents, and the applicant's business
- Primary hydro lines
- Permits
- Costs of drilling new wells

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