

Abandoned Well Sealing Program Terms & Conditions

The purpose of this program is to identify and properly seal abandoned wells as they threaten groundwater quality as well as pose a serious safety concern.

Objective:

- *Help maintain the groundwater quality
- *Removal of a hazard to people and livestock

Eligibility:

- *Location of the well must be within the Swan Lake Watershed District

Roles & Responsibilities:

The Applicant Shall:

- *Request assistance by the proper application, which is to be received at the Watershed District office;
- * Allow consent of entry onto property for purpose of the project;**
- *Provide access for inspection or evaluation by the Watershed District at any reasonable time;
- *Be responsible for the cost of removal of equipment, debris or obstructions prior to filling; if not able to, the work must be done by a licensed well drilling contractor, professional engineer, or professional geoscientist so that they may determine the necessary method required to properly seal the well;**
- *Not alter, change, remove or modify the project without written consent of the Watershed District;
- * Be responsible for the cost of a licensed well drilling contractor to fill in an artesian well; and**
- * Indemnify and save harmless the District from any and all actions, claims, suits, damages, injuries, or other loss no matter howsoever arising as a result of the construction, operation or maintenance of the project.**

The District Shall:

- *Determine application priorities;
- *Reserve the right to reasonable access to project areas for educational purposes or to inspect the condition of the project site;
- *Provide contractor and all materials necessary for sealing (and removal of old cribbing/casing) abandoned well(s);
- *Arrange for necessary equipment for excavation;
- *Supervise contractor and or project to ensure well is properly sealed.

Project Funding/Cost-Sharing/Incentives:

The landowner's contribution will be the application and as specified in "Roles and Responsibilities" above. Costs associated with removing old casings/cribbing, well shocking and the filling process, i.e. bentonite clay, disinfectant, fill materials etc. will be covered by the Watershed District. **Other costs not normally associated with well filling will be covered 100% by the landowner. (e.g. recovering cement blocks, removing pump and equipment, removing debris from site etc.)**

I understand and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the above document:

Landowner Signature

Date

District Approval

Date

This application form constitutes an agreement between the above landowner and/or Landowner Applicant and the Swan Lake Watershed District for the full requirements and purposes of this project.