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Cover Crop – Proposed Project

Landowner Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Phone: (Cell) _____ (Home) _____

Email: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Legal Description of Project Site: Qtr: _____ Sec: _____ Twp: _____ Rge: _____ **W1**

Municipality: _____ **Sub-District:** _____

Previous Land Use/Previous Crop: _____

Acres seeded: _____ acres **Landowner In-Kind (seeding cost and time):** \$ _____

Are you seeding a single species or multiple species? _____

Will this crop have a minimum 60 day growing period? Yes No

Termination method? Grazing Cut & Winter-kill Spring Herbicide Application

Project Description:

Objective:

- Planting a mixture of cover crop can prevent erosion, improve soil moisture retention, increase soil health, and water holding capacity;
- Assist Fall planted cover crops as well as spring-planted cover crops under seeded with the main crop (intercropping) and full-season annual and/or perennial cover crops in rotation; and
- Encourage and assist producers to implement a cover crop as part of their crop rotation.

Land Description	Acres	Seed Mix	Seeding Date	June Picture	July Picture	August Picture	Termination Picture with Stubble Height

Project Funding/Cost – Responsibilities:

Landowner

1. Will provide paid invoice(s) for cover crop seed purchased for the upcoming field season from a seed retailer.
2. Shall not sell, trade, or exchange seed.
3. **Ensure minimum 60-day growing period**, single or multi-species, no living root disturbance, and left for grazing, winterkill, or spring herbicide application.
4. Approved applicants who graze or cut the cover crop **cannot disturb the roots of the cover crop**.
5. **Applicants must leave at least 6 inches (15cm) of cover crop growth going into winter.**
6. Provide total pounds of cover crop seed purchased.
7. **Provide proof of project completion** (i.e. photograph verification on the months listed above).
8. Send project pictures, invoices, and other documentation to manager@slwd.ca
9. The cost of labor and any equipment rental or use is the responsibility of the landowner and can be counted as in-kind.
10. Provide access for random seed and field testing.
11. Allow access for inspection and evaluation by SLWD staff and the Board at any reasonable time.
12. **Not to plant Fall Rye or Winter Wheat as a Cover Crop.**
13. Will be reimbursed by the SLWD once the application is approved, and the project is complete and verified.
14. Will prepare proper seedbed for seeding cover crop and seed area down as soon as practicable.
15. Ensure proper and sufficient seed establishment and complete any maintenance required.
16. Willing to use this application as a landowner's agreement upon approval of project.
17. Be willing to complete Environmental Farm Plan (EFP).

Watershed District (WD)

1. Will fund (reimburse) cover crop seed cost up to a maximum of \$35/ac or \$10,000 per year and may be subject to change based on available funding.
2. Cover Crop project is a rebate program that will be reimbursed to the landowner after approval and project verification.
3. Ensure all required permits and agreements are in place prior to project start.
4. The Board will review applicants on a case-by-case basis.
5. The SLWD Board reserves the right to alter the funding criteria and determine project priority.
6. The District is not responsible for any alterations or damage caused by beaver activity.

The Landowner Shall:

- **Allow consent of entry onto property for purposes of the project;**
- Provide access for inspection, evaluation, or further construction of the project by the Watershed District at any reasonable or future time;
- Not alter, change, remove or modify the project without written consent of the District;
- Ensure agricultural use and practices do not alter or affect the integrity of the project;
- Allow the District to place signage at the project site; signage removal must be approved by the District prior to removal;
- 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, and;
- Grant the Watershed District the right to use any information related to this project for educational or promotional purposes.

The Watershed District Shall:

- Reserve the right to reasonable access to project areas for tours, educational purposes or to inspect the condition of the project site at any time following completion of the project.

I hereby declare that I have read the conditions of this agreement, and that I agree to abide by the terms listed above. I further agree to cooperate to the fullest extent with the Watershed District Board and staff in completing and maintaining the project as outlined.

Landowner Signature

Date