



Swan Lake Watershed District

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GROW Application Form

Contact Information		
Applicant Name(s):	Date:	
Mailing Address:	Municipality:	Postal Code:
Phone:		
Email:		
Property Details		
Land Description of Project Site(s):		
Qtr: _____	Sec: _____	Twp: _____ Rg: _____ <u>W1</u>
Qtr: _____	Sec: _____	Twp: _____ Rg: _____ <u>W1</u>
Qtr: _____	Sec: _____	Twp: _____ Rg: _____ <u>W1</u>
Qtr: _____	Sec: _____	Twp: _____ Rg: _____ <u>W1</u>
Other Descriptions:		
Does the applicant rent the land out? (Y or N) _____		
If yes, has the renter consented and understands the project magnitude? (Y or N) _____		
Please provide the name and contact information of property renter:		
Renter(s):		
Land Use (check all that apply):		
Livestock/Pasture Tame/Hayland	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Annual Crop Wooded
Native Prairie Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	

GROW Activities

Are there any water source, or seasonal water on project site (i.e. creek)?

Are you planning to remove bush or any natural environment? If yes, explain.

What is the topography of the land? (i.e. gentle slope, <5%, >5%, etc.)

Other Project Details

Are there human impacts on/around project site or risk of loss to the area? Explain.

Are any areas going to be established into permanent cover?

Are you including more than 1 GROW activity (i.e. Wetland, Riparian, Upland Wooded, Upland Grassland)?

Are you planning to plant shelterbelts or increase buffer zones?

Is the soil highly erodible? Explain.

Based on the Agricultural Capability of Manitoba (link 1), what is your Soil Class and what Soil Type(s) or Symbol(s) is your land (link 2)?

(Website links: https://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/environment/soil-management/soil-management-guide/using-soil-survey-information.html#ag_capability
<https://sis.agr.gc.ca/cansis/publications/surveys/mb/mb13/index.html>)

Are you planning any fencing activities? Explain.

Do you have livestock? What kind and how many?

Do you have a grazing management plan (i.e. rotational grazing)? Explain.

Are you willing to maintain project for length of agreement (i.e. removing noxious weeds, mowing, etc.)?

What other Beneficial Management Practices do you incorporate in your farming?

Do you have a woodlot management plan (i.e. selective harvest, replanting, etc.)?

What is the rental rate of the property(ies) - \$/acre?

What is the assessed land value(s) of the project area?

Are there any current or future partner funders on the same project area listed? (i.e. AgAction)

SLWD GROW PROJECT OVERVIEW & INFORMATION

Financial Background

The Province of Manitoba has endowed millions of dollars into The Conservation Trust, The GROW Trust and The Wetlands GROW Trust. Manitoba Habitat Conservancy (MHC) administers and disburses these funds through granting to Watershed Districts throughout the province.

Goals of the Program

The GROW program is intended to target ecological goods and services within the Swan Lake Watershed District. These priorities benefit the watershed resilience to the impacts of a changing climate and improved water quality.

GROW Activities include:

- Wetlands (Class 1 and 2)
- Upland Area (Wooded or Grassland)
- Riparian Area
- Buffer Establishment

Prioritizing a Project

Swan Lake Watershed District GROW Committee will rank and rate individual projects based on the GROW priority outcomes, local watershed priorities, and local environment and landowner practices to determine GROW project approval.

Local GROW Committee

The GROW Committee consists of Watershed District board and sub-district members, local producers, and representatives of the different areas of the watershed. Incentive payments and contracts are determined and administered by this Local GROW Committee.

GROW Contracts

Conservation contracts set out terms and conditions which include project details, maps, maintenance requirements, incentive payments and other potential duties and responsibilities of the landowner(s).

All contracts for GROW projects are **10-year agreements** and incentive payment rate(s) are dependent on the GROW activity. **Incentive payments are a taxable income.**

Swan Lake Watershed District requires information, details, and processes about your proposed project, including satellite imagery and estimated acres per GROW activity, which can be obtained by SLWD staff prior to or during project submission.

SLWD GROW PROGRAM TERMS & CONDITIONS

Roles & Responsibilities:

The Applicant Shall:

- **Allow consent of entry onto property for purposes of the project (i.e., mapping and monitoring);**
- Provide access for inspection, evaluation, or further assessment of the project by the Watershed District at any reasonable or future time;
- **Not alter, change, remove or modify the project** without prior authorization of the Watershed District;
- Ensure agricultural use and other practices do not alter or effect the integrity of the project;
- Be responsible for routine maintenance of the project area including but not limited to; mowing, cutting, re-vegetating, etc.;
- Grant the Watershed District the right to use any information related to this project for educational or promotional purposes;
- Agree that the Manitoba government shall have the right, and agrees to cooperate with Manitoba, to claim carbon or other offset credits that may come from the Project as a result of its inception, ongoing implementation, and/or successful completion; and
- **Indemnify and save harmless the Watershed 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 SLWD Shall:

- Reserve the right to reasonable access to project areas for assessment, tours, educational purposes, and to inspect the condition of the project site at any time following completion of the project;
- Arrange for necessary equipment for construction (if required);
- Supervise project to ensure construction is completed according to approved project designs (if required); and
- Provide incentive payments and assessments for a period of no more than 10 years so long as the project satisfies the GROW Committee annually based upon monitoring efforts of SLWD staff.

Project Funding/Incentives:

The Swan Lake Watershed District will fund GROW Program projects on a case-by-case basis depending on available program funding. **Projects will be eligible for full or partial incentive payments based upon project priority, determined by the Local GROW Committee.**

I understand and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the above terms and conditions.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____



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PHOTO RELEASE FORM

As an adult age 18 or older, I grant Swan Lake Watershed District (SLWD) and the Manitoba Habitat Conservancy (MHC) the right to use the photos of me and/or my property taken throughout the Project area by SLWD Staff, and consent for their use in MHC-related publications, reports, and website content.

Please check here if you also allow MHC to use these photos on social media platforms.

NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____
Adult 18 years and older – please print

NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____
Adult 18 years and older – please print

DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

MINOR RELEASE

I, as the parent and/or legal guardian of minors/children _____, grant Swan Lake Watershed District (SLWD) and the Manitoba Habitat Conservancy (MHC) the right to use the photos of minor/children taken throughout the Project area by SLWD Staff, and consent for their use in MHC-related publications, reports, and website content.

Please check here if you also allow MHC to use these photos on social media platforms.

NAME (Parent or Guardian): _____
Adult 18 years and older – please print

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

SLWD GROW Project Incentive Rubric				Office Use Only				
Rank your project in the 'Landowner' column based upon 'Points Available'*				Landowner	SLWD	Comments	Max Points Available	
Type of GROW Activity (4)	Wetland Enhancement, Restoration, or Conservation (Class 1 or 2)	Acres:	Wetland on Marginal/Hay Land Wetland on Annual Crop			<5acres: 2pts ; >5acres: 1pt <density: 1pt (<2) ; >density: 2pts (>3)	4	
	Riparian Area Management (Enhancement, Restoration, or Conservation)	Acres:	Water Course/Seasonal Run Wetland Buffer (Class 3+)				2 2	
	Upland Area (Enhancement, Restoration, or Conservation)	Acres:	Treed (wooded) Area Grassed (perennial) Area			Treed or Bluff (1pt) ; Shelterbelt (3pts)	3 1	
	Buffer Establishment (Establishment, Enhancement, or Restoration)	Acres:	Shelterbelt (new) Perennial (converted/new)			Cannot be for yard sites	2 1	
	GROW Priority Outcomes							
	Wetland - Reduces vulnerability to flooding and drought: Projects that hold water on the land longer reduces peak flows, reduces soil erosion, improve water quality, improve wildlife habitat and biodiversity, as well as provide surface and ground water infiltration during droughts CONSIDER BMPs: risk of loss on annual cropland, each wetland is ≤5 acres, enhancing wetland by buffering a larger area, having multiple small wetlands, restoring wetland by plugging surface drains, projects that increase water holding capacity, as well as any other beneficial management practices can be considered						Priority given on annual crops over marginal lands 1 point for each BMP	3
Riparian - Improves water quality and reduces nutrient loss: Excess nutrients are often associated with water pollution. Water quality can be improved by capturing sediment, streambank stabilization and erosion control, and by allowing wildlife habitat continuity and re-establishment of riparian vegetation CONSIDER BMPs: fencing off riparian vegetation that optimizes impacts, re-establishment of vegetated buffers along waterways, work to stabilize bank erosion, as well as any other beneficial management practices can be considered						1 point for each BMP	3	
Upland - Adapting to climate change: Climate change often means more extreme weather events, such as flooding and drought. In upland areas, native prairie or woodlands can reduce overland flooding and soil erosion. Properly managed areas can improve ecological function CONSIDER BMPs: conserving existing native prairie or woodlands that are highly erodible, protecting existing shelterbelts that helps with wind and soil erosion, establishing and restoring soil with perennial native/tame grasses on sensitive or marginal land that increase biodiversity, enhancing by incorporating rotational grazing with alternative watering, woodlot management (selective harvesting), permanent or alternative fencing - part of an improved grazing strategy, as well as any other beneficial management practices can be considered						1 point for each BMP	3	
Buffer - Reduces wind-based soil erosion and improves wildlife habitat and water conservation efforts: Buffers are the landscape features that act as an eco-buffer separating two environments. Re-vegetating with a mix of native plants and trees with help with adapting to the local environment CONSIDER BMPs: establishing new buffers such as shelterbelts, perennial cover buffer (planted between field and riparian), grassed waterway, expanding existing shelterbelt and buffer, restoring degraded buffers such as re-establishment and removal of diseased trees, as well as any other beneficial management practices can be considered						1 point for each BMP	3	
GROW and Watershed Co-Benefits								
Increase biodiversity and wildlife habitat							1	
Peak flow reduction							1	
Erosion control and soil stability							1	
Greenhouse gas reduction							1	
Other Watershed benefit:							1	
GROW Project Considerations								
Landowner has a valid Environmental Farm Plan (EFP)? If yes, please provide certificate # and expiry _____						0 (no) 2 (yes)	2	
Project area is at risk of loss or development						(High: 3pts, med: 2pts, low: 1pt)	3	
Farming practices are sustainable, beneficial management practices and are positive to the environment (e.g., zero/reduced till, buffer areas, alternate watering systems, rotational grazing, improve soil health (cover crops, organics, reduced fertilizer/chemical application))						Other BMP's allowed (1 point for each BMP, up to 3)	3	
Current erosion risk or may be subject to accelerated erosion (i.e. sandy soils)						(High/severe: 3pts, med: 2pts, low: 1pt)	3	
Benefits for Species at Risk and pollinator species						Yes (1) or No (0)	1	
Project applicant has a combination of GROW and other SLWD programs						Yes (1) or No (0)	1	
							45	
GROW Committee Input relative to the Project						Maximum points available is 10		
Describe Project and add other Comments such as project ranking:						0-19 points = \$20/ac 20-26 points = \$30/ac 27-45 points = \$40/ac Wetland = \$60/ac		

Additional Notes About Project: