

Landowner Action Fund

Land Enhancement Programs

Invasive Plants Management Grant

Rationale:

To control, manage or eradicate invasive plants to protect biodiversity, improve wildlife habitat, and conserve the natural heritage system of the Credit River watershed.

Invasive plant species are generally non-native plants that out-compete native species for resources and dominate space. They may directly kill other species, introduce disease or hybridize with native species. Non-native invasive species typically prefer disturbed habitats, are aggressive, have high reproductive rates, and lack natural predators.

Project	Grant Rate	Maximum Grant
Invasive Plants Management	50% - 100%	\$6,000 per project and property

Eligible Projects:

- Identification and inventory of invasive plant species and the development of a management plan
- Mechanical and/or chemical removal of invasive plant species
- Herbaceous plantings to restore an area where invasive plant removal has occurred as recommended by an approved service provider

Conditions:

- To ensure project success and account for secondary treatment, funding is only provided to landowners who commit to a multi-year treatment plan
- Invasive species must be properly identified by a qualified individual
- Chemical removal of the invasive species must be carried out by a qualified practitioner and respect relevant legislation and permit requirements
- Invasive species plant material must be properly disposed of as approved by Credit Valley Conservation (CVC)
- A copy of the contractors' valid certificate to apply herbicides/pesticides will be required before the grant will be paid
- Native species that are listed on CVC's approved plant lists and appropriate to the site location must be used in restoring the site
- If you have an outstanding violation with CVC you will not be eligible for funding



Eligible Costs:

- Professional fees (species identification, inventory and management plan)
- Contract labour
- Purchased project materials
- Landfill tipping fees or fee for the proper disposal of plant material

Ineligible Costs:

- Labour, machinery or equipment owned/used by the applicant, or the applicant's family or business
- Costs incurred from project activities completed more than six months before the confirmed submission of a completed *Landowner Action Fund* (LAF) application

How to Apply:

1. Schedule a free Action Plan site visit
2. Create a *Landowner Action Plan* or EFP Action Plan
3. Choose a project that you would like to complete based on your Action Plan and site visit
4. Complete and submit a LAF application
5. Applicants will be advised within 60 days the outcome of their application

CVC's Countryside Stewardship team is here to help you throughout the application process.

To get started contact us!

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