



2026 FUNDING PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

PROGRAM INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

The Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority is pleased to offer the 2026 Precision Phosphorus Reduction Program (PPRP) funded through the Canada Water Agency. The PPRP will run through 2028 and aims to provide farmers with the knowledge and tools to reduce the loss of phosphorus to the natural environment while recognizing the vital role it plays to crop quality and yield.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- Refer to the 2026 PPRP Program Guidebook for full details on eligible projects.
- LTVCA staff will review all project proposals and approve funding on a case-by-case basis.
**Preference will be provided to new adopters and proposals exhibiting environmental merit.*
- There is no guarantee of maximum financial incentive. The LTVCA aims to distribute funds across the region to expand BMP project impact while reaching the maximum number of acres and farm businesses.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Read the PPRP program guidebook and application forms.
2. Sign the Declaration and Signature form and complete the attached Contact and Field Information forms.
 - **Please Note - Application forms must include maps with project details for all fields you are requesting PPRP grant funding for.**
3. Submit application(s) within the required timeframe(s):
 - By mail or in person, LTVCA: 100 Thames Street, Chatham, ON, N7L 2Y8
 - Online to Andrew Mickle: Ag. Stewardship Specialist - andrew.mickle@ltvca.ca
4. The LTVCA will send an email to inform you your application has been received.
5. The LTVCA will review your application and determine your approval status. If pre-approved, you will receive a Letter of Pre-Approval along with additional information on project expectations and requirements.
6. Applicants will submit any additional documents requested by the LTVCA. Please submit documents as soon as possible in order to receive payment.
 - This may include photos, field information/practices etc.
7. Projects will be verified with an onsite inspection ensuring requirements are met.
8. A Final Approval Letter will be issued after project audits are completed.
9. Payment will be mailed by cheque.

Disclaimer: Payment Schedule Notice

While applications may be submitted and pre-approved in advance, no funds will be released prior to that time. Field verifications and submissions of all documents is a prerequisite for disbursement of payment. We appreciate your understanding and encourage all applicants to plan accordingly.



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ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

- Applicants are permitted to apply to multiple categories on a single field, subject to limits of eligibility described below:
 - Projects must meet all legal requirements including but not limited to local municipal bylaws and Provincial Acts.
 - All approvals and permits are the responsibility of the applicant.
- Funding can be stacked with other funding programs as long as the other programs allow for stacking. Applicants must inform the LTVCA of other funding sources.
- Participating farmers must be willing to provide information on their general crop production systems (crop rotation, tillage, fertility, yield estimates).
- If a project cannot be completed within the 2026-2027 grant year, there is no guarantee funding will be available in the following year.
- Funding will not be paid on HST if the applicant is entitled to a HST rebate.
- Funding will only commence upon receipt of a Final Approval Letter.
- A financial incentive to implement a best management practice may be paid to an applicant who:
 - Is a resident of Ontario
 - Is a registered owner of property in the target area, used for agricultural purposes
 - Or, Is a tenant farmer using rented land for agricultural purposes
 - Owns property that is under the influence of agriculture or whose property possess a risk of nutrient transport to a watercourse

Please Note - All monetary incentives, program details and guidelines as outlined in this document are subject to change without notice to the applicant, as per the authority or funder discretion.



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DECLARATION & SIGNATURE

- By submitting an application, you consent to allowing the LTVCA to collect, manage and share the project cost and crop management data associated with the project. The data collected by the LTVCA will be shared with public and government partners (municipal, provincial, and federal) to assist with tracking the industries progress towards addressing the watershed environmental challenges and program goals.
- The data collected will only be shared in aggregate form publicly. No business or personal identifiers will be shared with other parties.
 - Example of aggregate statement the LTVCA may use when discussing project deliverables:
 - "Within the Lower Thames Valley Watershed 50 farmers planted 5000 ac. of cover crops at an average cost of \$30/acre. It is estimated that these plantings reduced phosphorus loads into the Thames River by 5%."
- By participating in the program, you acknowledge and consent to potential photography and/or videography gathered and procured by the LTVCA which may be used on social media or print format.
- You consent to have the project inspected/audited by LTVCA staff during normal business hours, with reasonable due notice, to determine if the project is complete and documentation provided is adequate.
- All fields must be filled out completely. Failure to fully complete your application may result in delayed or denied approval.
- All required documentation must be submitted by the applicable category deadline. Applications that do not include all required documentation by the deadline will be considered incomplete and will not be eligible for funding.
- To be eligible for project funding, projects must be completed and invoices dated between April 1, 2026 – March 01, 2027.
- You acknowledge that funding for any project is not confirmed until the LTVCA has sent you a Final Approval Letter. A Letter of Pre-Approval does not guarantee funding.

By signing below, I agree to be bound by the above terms and conditions of the LTVCA PPRP, as stated in the declaration and signature section of this application.

Signature:

Date:



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name:

First

Last

Middle

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Street Address

City/Town

Province

Postal Code

FARM BUSINESS INFORMATION

Legal Business Name or Sole Proprietor Name:

Farm Business Registration Number or Exemption Confirmation:

Mailing Address:

Street Address

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Acres Owned:

Acres Rented:

Current Methods & Timing of Phosphorus Applications:

(ex. fall broadcast/VR, banded at planting, through strip in fall)

Do you use manure on farm? If yes, list source & application:

Yes No

Current tillage practices & timing (list all passes):

(ex. fall chisel plow, spring disc, cultivator)

Do you have an Environmental Farm Plan? List the Version/Edition:

Yes No #

How did you hear about the program?

Please specify: radio, agronomist, agri-business, other conservation authorities, etc.

Do you agree to receive email updates regarding the program and upcoming events?

Yes No

BMP CATEGORIES 1-4: COVER CROPS, CROP PLANNING, ALTERNATIVE PHOSPHORUS, REDUCED TILLAGE

BMP categories 1-4 may be combined to a Maximum \$20,000 / farm business.

- Please Note - No guarantee of maximum financial incentive.

BMP	Description	Rate	Maximum Grant
1A	Cover Crop: Overwintering	\$30/acre	\$20,000
1B	Cover Crop: Harvested/Grazed	\$15/acre	
2A	Crop Planning: 3-yr Plan with 2.5ac Grid Sampling	\$15/acre	\$10,000
2B	Crop Planning: 3-yr Plan with 2.5ac Zone Sampling	\$15/acre	
2C	Crop Planning: 3-yr Plan with Soil Optix Sampling	\$15/acre	
3A	Alterative P Application: Variable Rate Phosphorus from Soil Test	\$20/acre	\$10,000
3B	Alterative P Application: Variable Rate Phosphorus from Crop Removal/Yield	\$20/acre	
3C	Alterative P Application: Banded Phosphorus at Planting (Min. 20 lbs/ac P2O5)	\$20/acre	
3D	Alterative P Application: Strip-till Phosphorus (Min. 20 lbs/ac P2O5)	\$20/acre	
3E	Alterative P Application: Manure Injection (Min. 20 lbs/ac P2O5)	\$20/acre	
4A	Reduced Tillage: No-till Corn or Soybean Planting	\$20/acre	\$10,000
4B	Reduced Tillage: Fall Strip-till	\$20/acre	

FIELD INFORMATION

Please fill out this chart with requested information, following the examples included here. Then, fill out the remaining application with project specifics for each category you are applying to.

Examples:

Field Name	Location	2026 Crop	BMP ID (Please indicate all for each field)	Field Acres	\$/Acre Incentive(s)	Total Incentive(s) for Field
Example: Crop Planning 3 Year Plan with 2.5ac Grid Sampling						
Irish Farm	5678 Irish Drive, Melbourne ON.	Corn	2A	55	\$15	\$825 (\$15/acre for crop planning and soil testing x 55 acres)

Example - Cover Crop: Overwintering and Reduced Tillage No-Till Planting

Longwoods Farm	123 Longwoods Rd, Melbourne ON.	Soybeans	1A, 4A	95	\$30 / \$20	\$4750 (\$30/acre for cover crops x95 acres + \$20/acre of reduced tillage x 95 acres)
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Provide the information for all the fields you are applying for in the chart below. Use the next page if more room is required.

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EROSION CONTROL

Select project type:

Grassed
Waterway

Rock Chute

WASCOB

Drop Structure

Streambank
Stabilization

Low Level
Stream Crossing

Other

Site location - Property Assessment Roll/911#/ GPS Coordinates (choose one):

Describe the project and how the present situation impacts water quality:

How long has erosion been impacting this area?

What crop is currently in the field:

Current tillage practices, timing and number of passes:

Do you have concerns with water pooling in the field?

When are you interested in implementing this project? Month/Year



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BUFFER STRIP

Select project type:

Grass Mix

Multi-Species Mix

Shrub

Site location - Property Assessment Roll/911#/ GPS Coordinates (choose one):

Description of the project?

Estimated length and width of project?

Is the proposed buffer area along a municipal drain?

When are you interested in implementing this project? Month/Year



Additional Category Information:

Please Note - Applicants are responsible for site preparation and maintenance. See program guidebook for full category details.



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WINDBREAKS

Select project type:

Landowner Planting
 (Minimum 50 Trees)

LTVCA Contractor Planting
 (Minimum 250 Trees)

Select species type:

Cedar

Spruce

Other

Site location - Property Assessment Roll/911#/ GPS Coordinates (choose one):

Description of project (Where will the windbreak be located on the property?)

What crop is currently in the field:

Estimated length of project?

When are you interested in implementing this project? Month/Year



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INNOVATIVE PROJECTS & PRACTICES

Description of project and explain how this project will reduce phosphorus on your land:

Estimated project cost?



Additional Category Information:

Please Note - Equipment purchases and modifications are not eligible for funding.

FIELD MAP

Attach a KML File of the site location or screenshot of Google Maps with areas of interest.

- Alternatively, use the space provided to draw a site map.
- See Page 30 of the program guidebook for a map example.

Your map should include:

- Nearby structures and landmarks (roads/barns/waterways)
- Fields involved in this program with access point(s)
- Location of special projects (Erosion Control, Buffer Strips)

ADDITIONAL FIELD MAP

