



MVCA's Cover Crop Leaders Program Agreement & Expense Claim Form

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:			
Make cheque payable to (if different):			
Mailing Address:			
Phone:		Email:	
Office Use:	Date Approved:	Year 1 Amount: \$	Year 2 Amount:\$

TWO YEAR COMMITMENT

I hereby declare that:

- I will, within reason, try to incorporate cover crops into my crop rotation in 2022 and 2023. Both parties acknowledge that uncontrollable factors may eliminate or limit opportunities for cover crops.
- I will provide details for 2022 cover crops on this form and provide details for cover crops planted in 2023 by September 2023.

How many acres of cover crops do you want to enroll over the next two years? Max 150 per year

To be planted in 2022	To be planted in 2023 (approximate)
Acres	Acres

FIELD DATA FOR COVER CROPS PLANTED IN 2022

Field Location	Site 1	Site 2 (if applicable)
Project Address		
Lot		
Concession		
Township (Ward)		
Municipality		
Please attach a map or air photo identifying the field including nearby roads, and field entrances.		
Cover Crop Information	Site 1	Site 2 (if applicable)
Number of acres enrolled		
Species used and planting rates for each species (lb/acre)		
When was the cover crop established (Month/Year)		
Planting method		
How and when will the cover crop be terminated (e.g., winter killed or fall herbicide)		

Describe your crop rotation, including where this cover crops fits (e.g., Corn-Soy-Winter Wheat-Cover Crop)		
Describe your tillage system for all crops in your rotation: (e.g., Strip-till before corn, no-till soybeans, vertical tillage before wheat, no-till cover crop – repeat)		
Fertilizer applied specifically for the cover crop? (Yes/No)		
Any additional info?		

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS AND PROJECT COSTS

Seed costs (\$/ac)	\$	\$
Labour and equipment for Planting (\$/ac)	\$	\$
Total Project Cost	\$	\$
Total Grant = Acres x \$15	\$	
OFFICE USE		
Field ID		
Percent Residue		%

I hereby declare:

- The information provided herein is true to the best of my knowledge.
- The above materials were used for their intended purposes as described in the application form.
- I have received or will receive the following funds from other cost-share program towards this project:

Other Cost-Share Funding Source	Grant Rate	Amount
Total proposed funding from other sources:		

I/We understand that I/we must disclose in this application for project funding, all proposed sources of funding, including sources and amounts from federal, provincial or municipal governments, conservation groups, and private organizations, including in-kind contributions, for the duration of this project.

Personal information on this form is collected under the Conservation Authorities Act Section 21, and will be used to determine eligibility for the grant program and reporting purposes.

I, the Owner of the above-mentioned Property, agree to the following terms:

1. To allow Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) representatives entry onto the Property in order to conduct post-planting inspections and soil sampling, or for promotional and verification purposes. Entry onto the Property will take place with reasonable notice and staff will identify themselves to owners upon request;
2. To allow MVCA to collect, manage and share the project cost and crop management data associated with the project. The data collected will be shared with public and government partners (municipal, provincial, and federal) to assist with tracking the industries progress towards addressing environmental challenges. Only aggregated data will be shared publicly;
3. The MVCA are not responsible for failure of cover crops to become established;
4. To absolve the MVCA of any liability in connection with the projects;
5. To indemnify and save harmless the MVCA from and against all costs, claims, demands, suits, actions and judgements made, brought or recovered against MVCA from or arising out of any alleged act or omission by the Property Owner, in connection with services provided or purported to be provided pursuant to this agreement;
6. This agreement is a matter of contract between Maitland Conservation and the Property Owner and is not binding on subsequent owners.

The above practices have been carried out on the registered land as described on the application form.

Participant signature

Date

For fillable forms: By typing your name, you have read and acknowledged the statement above

Please submit all completed forms to the Stewardship Services Coordinator, Chris Van Esbroeck (cvanesbroeck@mvca.on.ca)

OFFICE USE

I have visited the site to verify that the cover crop was established, and no aggressive full width tillage was used.

Staff Signature

Date

MVCA Cover Crop Leaders Program 2022 Requirements

Performance Incentive: \$15/acre/year (two year commitment)

Maximum Payment: \$2,250/year (maximum 150 acres per farm business)

Minimum criteria:

- Two year commitment to using cover crops within the operation (2022 and 2023)
- Must be experimenting with new cover crop mixes or techniques
- Cover crop established and residue left over winter
- No aggressive full width tillage used in the crop rotation
- Must be willing to share their experience with others by participating in outreach
- Must be willing to have temporary signs installed if fields are visible from road

Priority will be given to:

- Applicants who are minimizing soil disturbance and maintaining residue cover throughout their rotation
- Projects that are more likely to sequester carbon

Other Eligibility Criteria:

- Funding cannot be combined with other federal sources of funding.
- Funding can be combined with the Huron Clean Water Project incentive
- Applicants must disclose other sources of funding as this may impact eligibility.
- Winter wheat is not eligible as a cover crop

How to apply:

- MVCA will begin accepting applications June 13th, 2022
- To apply contact Chris Van Esbroeck for an application at cvanesbroeck@mvca.on.ca or 519-335-3557 ext. 245
- Contact MVCA to get on the project mailing list or checkout our website for updates
- Please submit all completed forms to the Stewardship Services Coordinator, Chris Van Esbroeck (cvanesbroeck@mvca.on.ca)
- Applications will be accepted until October 2022, or until all funds are allocated. If over subscribed, priority will be given to projects meeting the above mentioned criteria.

If your application is approved:

- MVCA staff will visit the fields in the fall to verify the cover crop was established, and then again in the spring to verify the land management practices. Incentive payments will be issued in April.
- MVCA staff will collect soil samples from your site to measure soil organic matter.
- MVCA may install signs at your field to promote the program.
- You will be asked to share your knowledge with peers either on social media, at a tour, or a presentation.
- Want advice on your cover cropping approach? MVCA will connect you with certified crop advisors, agronomists or peers who can help.