

West Interlake Watershed District

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BUFFER STRIP AND / OR SHELTERBELT

Objective: To establish, enhance or restore buffer strips and / or shelterbelts to protect sensitive land.

Terms & Conditions:

- Land must be within the WIWD boundaries.
- All projects must be approved by the WIWD prior to establishment.
- Producers must sign a 10 (ten) year contract, agreeing to maintain and care for the buffer strip and / or shelterbelt, and, exclude the area from cultivation or any form of termination for the 10-year contract length.

The WIWD will be monitoring the land parcel for the 10 year period to ensure the buffer strips and / or shelterbelt have been maintained and are in good health for the 10 (ten) year period.

If, for any reason, you are unable to adhere to the terms of the Agreement, you must contact the Office. Failure to do so will result in a loss of future eligibility to participate for WIWD programming

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Address: _____

Postal code: _____ Email: _____

Have you applied for, or received, funding from other sources for the following buffer strip and / or shelterbelt project? _____ If yes, please specify _____



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Project Establishment / Implementation Plan:

Legal Land Description-Site 1	Qtr.:	Sec.:	Twp.:	Rge.:	Acres:	Owned / Rented:
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Please Check all that apply:

Buffer Strip Establishment	Shelterbelt Enhancement	Restoration
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Nearest water body to project: _____

Length of project: _____

Width of project: _____

Age of desired trees / shrubs? (bare root, potted)

What is the moisture level at your desired planting location?

How many hours of sunlight does your desired planting location receive? _____

Do you plan on spraying any herbicides nearby?

Will the site be irrigated in any way? If yes, please provide details. _____

Project Site Sketch:



SITE PREPARATION

Site #	Machinery Used	Hours	Cost / Acre
	Ex: 16' Disc to prepare shelterbelt area	20	

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PLANT SPECIES				
Site #	Species (seeds, seedlings or trees)	Lbs/ acre <u>or</u> # of Species	Cost per lb <u>or</u> tree	Total Cost

ESTABLISHMENT / MAINTENANCE			
Site #	Machinery Used	Hours	Cost / Acre
	Ex: Broadcast seeder to spread grass seeds	10	

SPRAYING / FERTILIZING			
Site #	Machinery / Product Used	Hours / Rate	Cost / Acre
	Ex: Custom Spraying		\$8.00/acre

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Roles & Responsibilities:

- The Applicant Shall:**
- Be responsible to complete the project and submit all relevant invoices pertaining to the project to the WIWD. All invoices must be itemized, including the seller's name, date, and marked paid with the cheque number, invoices paid by cash must be accompanied by the seller's signature
 - Permit WIWD Employees and members on the property for project inspections during the entire length of the contract.
 - Not remove, destroy or alter the project without prior written authorization of the WIWD.
 - Allow the WIWD to place signage at the project site to identify the WIWD's contribution to the project.

- The WIWD Shall:**
- Provide technical assistance.
 - Provide payment after all invoices have been received and final project inspection is complete (details below).
 - Provide funding for up to 35% of establishment costs, including:
 - Initial breaking of site
 - Initial seeds/seedlings purchase costs (\$2/seedling)
 - Seedling planting rate of 20 seedlings per hour
 - Initial drip-irrigation hose material and installation if deemed feasible
 - Mulching (plastic mulch rolls, hemp mats)
 - A set per acre value for maintenance (mowing/watering), first year

All project applications will be reviewed, assessed and prioritized by the Local Grow Committee (LGC), staff will then inform the applicant of approval, or, denial. If approved, the applicant will sign a contract outlining funding amounts, implementation dates, and contract length.

The information provided by the applicant for this project is used to calculate the cost : benefit ratio, if any of the provided information changes, it is up to the applicant to notify the WIWD as soon as possible. **Any changes to the information provided may change the final funding amount awarded.** Payment will be issued to the applicant after all invoices are received, and WIWD has conducted the final site inspection after project completion. The WIWD reserves the right to adjust funding percentage based on available funding and current information provided by the applicant.

I understand and agree to the Terms & Conditions outlined on page 1, the above Roles & Responsibilities, and have filled in the application to the best of my knowledge.

Applicants Signature

Date