



Ontario 

# Great Lakes Local Action Fund APPLICATION GUIDE

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# Protecting our Great Lakes

The Great Lakes are the foundation of Ontario's economic prosperity, social well-being and ecological health – supplying water to our communities, sustaining traditional activities of Indigenous peoples, supporting Ontario's economy, and providing healthy ecosystems for recreation, tourism and wildlife.

Ontario's vision for the Great Lakes is to protect, restore, conserve and respect the intrinsic value of these vital waterways so they continue to thrive for present and future generations.

The province has worked for decades with the Great Lakes community, including governments at all levels, Indigenous communities, community and environmental groups, conservation authorities, businesses and others to protect and restore the Great Lakes through initiatives and projects that have helped clean up polluted areas and supported the restoration of habitats and species.

These efforts have had many positive outcomes, including significantly reduced levels of toxic chemicals that have had a longstanding impact on the waters and fish of the Great Lakes. Great Lakes protection and restoration also yield significant economic return on investment. For each dollar spent on Great Lakes protection and restoration, various studies have shown potential returns of investment of about \$2 to \$3 such as through increased recreation, tourism, property values and improved drinking water.

Even with these successes, the Great Lakes are experiencing increasing environmental stress and require continued protection and restoration. That's why the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan commits to continuing to safeguard the Great Lakes water resources and ecosystems for future generations. In support of this commitment, the Ontario government is launching a new program that will help small-scale community projects and actions make direct environmental improvements to the Great Lakes and its tributaries.

This guide provides eligibility requirements, information about the application process and details on how to apply for funding to help the Great Lakes community take local action to restore and reconnect with these vital waterways.

## Introducing the Great Lakes Local Action Fund

To further protect and restore the Great Lakes, the Ontario government is investing \$1.67 million in the first round of a new program that provides funding to local projects that have a positive environmental impact on the Great Lakes, as well as social and/or economic benefits for their communities. The Great Lakes Local Action Fund will provide up to \$50,000 for individual projects led by groups such as community-based organizations, environmental non-profits, small businesses,

conservation authorities, municipalities and Indigenous communities to protect and restore coastal, shoreline and nearshore areas of the Great Lakes and their tributaries.

We encourage all eligible groups to apply for the Great Lakes Local Action Fund by applying through [www.ontario.ca/GetFunding](http://www.ontario.ca/GetFunding) by **November 6, 2:00 pm EST**.

## Eligible projects

Grants are available for projects that take place in Ontario within the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin. This includes: Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence River/the Ottawa River, their connecting rivers, and their watersheds.

The following map helps identify watersheds in the Great Lakes Basin. You will need this information to complete the application form. The map shows the boundaries for the five eligible watersheds.



You can also use the following link to find locations in the Great Lakes watershed:  
<https://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/great-lakes-watershed-locator>

Funding is available for projects that take place at the community level, which result in environmental improvements to the Great Lakes and/or the rivers and streams that flow into them, with an emphasis on shorelines and nearshore areas. Emphasis will be placed on projects that have social and/or economic co-benefits to their communities, and projects that provide opportunities for community involvement in Great Lakes restoration and/or protection and increased opportunities for people to learn about the value of the Great Lakes.

**Important deadline:** Projects must be complete by February 18, 2022.

Examples of the types of projects that could qualify for funding are:

- Engaging community members on activities that improve resilience to climate change and/or safeguard wildlife welfare and habitats. For example: planting vegetation to restore and/or naturalize stream banks (including on private properties, with documented consent for the project from the property-owner)
- Local clean-up of a waterfront to protect wildlife (e.g., from plastic pollution), and improve human health and aesthetics
- Citizen science delivery of beach water quality monitoring
- Engaging community members (including youth, Elders, and knowledge holders) in the protection of traditional harvesting areas from invasive species
- Activities to reduce excessive road salt usage for de-icing on private properties, such as training along with the replacement of de-icing equipment with more efficient models
- Installation of rain barrels and/or other methods to reduce urban stormwater runoff and associated risks (erosion, habitat degradation, pollution discharge into waterways) to improve water quality and enhance climate change resiliency
- Digital platforms for protecting natural assets
- Construction of an elevated boardwalk with educational signage in a wetland to allow access in a way that protects sensitive areas of the wetland

Examples of ineligible projects include:

- Projects where the entire focus is on education and outreach (i.e., with no clear direct environmental improvements to the Great Lakes and/or their tributaries)
- Feasibility studies or plans, and land-use planning
- Contaminated site remediation (e.g., sediment remediation, brownfields)
- Activities that occur exclusively within provincial parks
- Strictly beautification activities
- Land acquisition
- Projects being done to comply with specific legal requirements
- Projects requiring an individual or class environmental assessment (EA) (unless already completed or a class EA category A project)
- Programs that provide grants to other recipients

Organizations can apply for more than one project but must use a separate application form for each project. The ministry may, in its absolute discretion, limit the number of grants per organization.

## What grant funding will pay for

Funding may be awarded for up to 100 per cent of eligible costs incurred in Ontario directly related to the delivery of eligible projects. These costs cannot be covered by other funding sources. Applicants should be aware that the ministry may not fund all aspects of a project, although the applicant will be required to complete the full project in order to receive allocated grant funds. Applicants should identify in the application form how the full project will be completed if only partial grant funds are provided by the Great Lakes Local Action Fund.

Examples of eligible costs include:

- Materials and supplies, such as shovels, garbage bags, and COVID-related personal protective equipment that are necessary to undertake the project
- Marketing to promote participation in the project
- Professional or technical expertise directly related to undertaking the project
- Staff or labour costs for employees specific to the project
- Costs for activities to facilitate project implementation (e.g., to enhance wetlands, manage storm water and control erosion)
- Equipment rental (e.g., back hoe, communications technology, scientific equipment, vehicles)

Examples of ineligible costs include:

- Ongoing overhead, core administrative activities of organizations (e.g., rent)
- Insurance
- Clothing (except for safety purposes)
- Appreciation gifts (e.g., gift certificates for volunteers)
- Honoraria (except for honoraria for Indigenous Elders or community knowledge holders for their participation, which are eligible costs)
- Travel, accommodation, hospitality or entertainment expenses (e.g., food, beverages)
- Signage that does not provide information relevant to the project
- Capital expenses (e.g., vehicles, office furniture, computers, cell phones, building renovations, toilets, water filling stations, greenhouses, interpretative structures)
- Costs incurred prior to the effective date of the agreement with the ministry
- Refundable harmonized sales tax (HST)
- Legal costs including but not limited to litigation

This is not a complete list. If you are unsure about whether your costs may be eligible or the eligibility of your project and activities, please contact us by email at [greatlakesfund@ontario.ca](mailto:greatlakesfund@ontario.ca), or by phone at 437-225-1354 or 416-587-8026.

## Eligible applicants

To be eligible for funding, the applicant must be a legal entity and must be one of the following: an incorporated not-for-profit organization; a small incorporated for-profit business as further identified below; entities that are established by or under legislation including band councils established under the federal *Indian Act*; are other First Nations and Métis organizations that are incorporated, or are a partnership as defined under section 2 of the Ontario *Partnerships Act*.

Examples of eligible groups, provided they meet the criteria above, include:

- Local agricultural and land-owner focused organizations
- Local youth organizations
- Environmental and conservation organizations
- Academic institutions including schools, universities and community colleges
- First Nations and Métis communities and organizations
- For-profit small businesses (employing up to 50 employees), including social enterprises (see note below)
- Municipalities (see note below)
- Conservation authorities and foundations associated with conservation authorities (see note below)

Notes:

- Municipalities and conservation authorities and their foundations must be partnered with at least one community-based organization to be eligible for funding and must provide a signed letter from the community-based organization as part of their application, which sets out the role of the community-based organization in the proposed project. Municipalities and conservation authorities' applicants require a resolution to be submitted prior to the signing of the Transfer Payment Agreement. Resolutions can be submitted after the application form.
- Small businesses are encouraged to partner with a community-based organization and should also provide a signed letter from the community-based organization as part of their application, which sets out the respective roles in the proposed project.
  - Community-based organizations include local not-for-profit groups like agricultural, landowner, youth, and environmental and conservation groups, as well as schools and other academic institutions, and First Nations and Métis communities and organizations.
  - Partnering with a community-based organization means the community-based organization must be actively involved in delivering the project, for example, participating in project design; or contributing a significant amount of staff or volunteer time to the project's implementation.

## Ineligible groups

- Provincial or federal government departments, agencies, boards and commissions; individuals; and for-profit organizations employing more than 50 employees are **not** eligible.

Organizations that do not meet the criteria above may participate in a project with an eligible organization. For each project, the ministry will enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with only one eligible organization that will be responsible for the entire project.

## Applying together with First Nations and Métis communities

Organizations may apply together with First Nations and Métis communities and First Nations and Métis communities may apply together with other First Nations and Métis communities.

- Organizations that apply together with a First Nations community must provide supporting documentation outlining the role of the partnership, with one of the following: a letter from the Chief and Council, a letter from the Band Administrator/Manager, or a band council resolution or motion to support the application form for each represented community and organization.
- If a band council resolution or motion is chosen, it may be submitted after the application form, but must be submitted prior to the transfer payment agreement being signed, and no later than December 31, 2020.

## Project funding

The maximum funding amount is \$50,000 for each project.

Legal entities can apply for the maximum funding amount or for lesser amounts. The maximum amount of \$50,000 may be applied to a discrete portion of a larger project which has other funding sources. Both the larger project and the discrete portion of the project to be funded must be identified in the application form, together with a full account of all funding for the entire project. Funding will not be provided for project costs covered by other sources.

All activities funded by the Great Lakes Local Action Fund must be completed by February 18, 2022. The ministry reserves the right to fund only selected activities identified in an application form. Not all parts of a project may be funded by the Great Lakes Local Action Fund.

# Project evaluation

Application forms and supporting materials will be screened to ensure they are complete and meet the basic eligibility requirements. If an application passes the screening, it will be reviewed and ranked according to three evaluation criteria which are in the sole discretion of the ministry:

1. Environmental benefit to the Great Lakes and/or their tributaries (40% of total score)
2. Social and economic co-benefits, community involvement, collaboration and leverage (30% of total score)
3. Sound project design (30% of total score)

In its evaluation, the ministry may also consider the kinds of projects proposed, the number of grants per organization, and types of organizations applying in order to support a variety of projects and recipients across the province.

## Environmental benefit to the Great Lakes and/or their tributaries

To strengthen the likelihood of being funded applicants should describe how the proposed project has an environmental benefit to the Great Lakes and/or their tributaries, resulting in measurable environmental improvements. For example:

- How the project contributes to an environmental need, such as improving water quality and/or habitat, controlling invasive species, reducing shoreline erosion, etc.
- How the project has long-lasting environmental benefits and is significant in scope

## Social and economic co-benefits, community involvement, collaboration and leverage

To strengthen the likelihood of being funded applicants should describe how the proposed project relates to the local community by demonstrating social and/or economic co-benefits in their community. For example:

- Rain barrel campaign geared at vegetable gardeners, to reduce urban stormwater runoff and associated stream bank erosion, improve water quality, and prevent future costs, while also supporting local food security initiatives
- Engaging members of an Indigenous community (including youth, Elders, and knowledge holders) to restore and improve traditional fish and wildlife habitat, reduce erosion, and support traditional cultural activities
- A clean-up campaign that reduces plastic pollution, improves aesthetics, enhances awareness of damage from litter, and improves conditions for tourism and recreation
- Construction of an elevated boardwalk with educational signage in a wetland to allow access in a way that protects sensitive areas of the wetland and encourages greater appreciation for the value of the wetland
- Projects that mobilize members of the community, especially youth, to take action



- Projects that provide high quality volunteer engagement, where volunteers are actively contributing to meaningful project outcomes. For example, a project that provides training and opportunities to build technical skills through citizen science and monitoring
- Projects that promote collaboration among groups and organizations and leverage contributions (financial and in-kind) from others
- Projects that promote innovation such as support new tools and approaches to addressing issues

## Sound Project Design

To strengthen the likelihood of being funded applicants should consider the following project design elements:

- Projects must have clear and achievable objectives and desired outcomes. Project must include sound ways to track and measure progress toward these outcomes. Whenever feasible, projects should measure outcomes in addition to outputs. For more information on developing performance measures for your project, see Appendix A: Performance Measures
- Detailed work plans should be provided, with realistic timelines and detailed budgets that include reasonable costs. All activities funded by the Great Lakes Local Action Fund must be completed by February 18, 2022
- If applicable, applications should describe how the benefits of the project will be sustained over time (e.g. through a maintenance regime, ongoing monitoring and reporting, etc.)
- Projects must have a plan to address conditions relating to the pandemic, including safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 such as physical distancing and protective equipment, and planning for the possibility of changing conditions and restrictions over the course of the project
- Applications should demonstrate that the project has the necessary contributors and resources to achieve its intended purposes
- Applications should describe the qualifications of the people who will work on the project and your organization's experience with similar project
- Evaluation of projects will take into account purchasing procedures to ensure value for money. Applicants must ensure that their expenditure of funds granted for any goods or services demonstrates value for money. It is recommended that three quotes be obtained for materials and services over \$5,000
- Required permits and approvals are the responsibility of the applicant. If permits and approvals are not in place at the time of application, the ministry will take this into account in evaluating the feasibility of the project. For more information on permits and approvals that your project may need, please see *Appendix B: Permits and Other Requirements*

# Transfer Payment Agreement

Successful applicants will be required to sign an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement in order to receive funding from the Great Lakes Local Action Fund. When an application is selected for funding, the ministry will draft the agreement. The agreement will describe those portions of the project which are receiving funding from the Great Lakes Local Action Fund and will describe the larger project of which the funded project is a part, if applicable. All other funding sources will also be identified.

Approved funding will be delivered in installments as set out in the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement. The number of payments will vary depending on the scope and length of the project.

The Agreement requires the recipient of the funds to indemnify the ministry for any of the ministry's liability, loss or costs arising out of or in connection with the project or otherwise in connection with the agreement.

Finally, the Agreement requires that the recipient of the funds carry commercial general liability insurance on an occurrence basis for third party bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage, to an inclusive limit of not less than two million dollars. Prior to receiving funds, the recipient will be required to provide the ministry with applicable certificates of insurance.

## Applying through Transfer Payment Ontario

All applications must be submitted electronically through Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) at [www.ontario.ca/GetFunding](http://www.ontario.ca/GetFunding).

Applicants must have a TPON account in order to apply. If you do not have a TPON account, you must first create a ONE-key account and then register for TPON.

- Please visit [www.ontario.ca/GetFunding](http://www.ontario.ca/GetFunding) to learn how to create a One-key account, register for TPON, and get a TPON account
- Registration may take up to 5 business days so give yourself plenty of time to register before starting the application process
- Once you are registered and have access, the next step is to complete an application through TPON

If you have any questions or difficulties during this process, there are resources to assist at [www.ontario.ca/GetFunding](http://www.ontario.ca/GetFunding) or you may contact the TPON Ontario Customer Service Line at 416-325-6691 or 1-855-216-3090, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, or by email at [TPONCC@Ontario.ca](mailto:TPONCC@Ontario.ca).

## When to apply

Applications must be received by **November 6, 2:00 pm EST** via TPON.

The application form is available at [www.ontario.ca/GetFunding](http://www.ontario.ca/GetFunding). This site also includes frequently asked questions, which may be updated during the application period.

## What to include in the application package

Please include the following items in your application package as incomplete applications will not be considered:

- Completed application form through TPON. Please visit [www.ontario.ca/GetFunding](http://www.ontario.ca/GetFunding) for information on how to get an account
- Signed letters from key organizations or individuals, other than your organization and its members, if they are critical to project delivery
- Signed letters from other funding sources, if applicable
- If you are a municipality, local service board, conservation authority, or a foundation associated with a conservation authority, include a signed letter from the community-based organization you are partnering with, setting out their role in the project
- Copies of permits, approvals, or permit applications needed for your project, if applicable
- Your detailed project budget, using the Great Lakes Local Action Fund Budget calculator provided
- Your organization's purchasing policy, if applicable
- A letter from First Nation community's Chief and Council, a letter from the Band Administrator/Manager, or a band council resolution or motion to support the application form for each represented community, if applicable
- If your project involves work on land, a map or sketch (handwritten sketches accepted) of the project that could include the current layout and location of the project and the changes that will be made
- If the project involves work on land not owned by the applicant, a signed letter from the landowner, stating that the landowner agrees to allow access to their property for the project activities, including monitoring and maintenance, and will maintain the work
- If you are a small business partnering with a community-based organization (not required), include a signed letter from the community-based organization you are joining with, setting out their role in the project

## After applications are submitted

Once a complete application is submitted through TPON, the main application contact will be notified confirming receipt of the application. Please ensure that this confirmation email is not sent to your junk email folder. Application forms and supporting documents must be submitted by the application deadline, except for municipal resolutions, conservation authority board resolutions, and band council resolutions or motions that must be submitted prior to the Transfer Payment Agreement being signed and no later than December 31, 2020. After all applications have been evaluated, we will let you know if your project is approved.

## For more information:

Please contact the Great Lakes Office of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks by email at [greatlakesfund@ontario.ca](mailto:greatlakesfund@ontario.ca), or by phone at 437-225-1354 or 416-587-8026.

## For help and assistance with Transfer Payment Ontario:

For technical assistance with TPON, please contact the TPON Ontario Customer Service Line at 416-325-6691 or 1-855-216-3090, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, or by email at [TPONCC@Ontario.ca](mailto:TPONCC@Ontario.ca).

## Appendix A: Performance Measures

A performance measure is quantifiable information that provides a reliable basis for assessing achievement, change or performance over time.

Each performance measure should be closely linked to the objectives of your project and considered when planning your project to help ensure robust design and effective implementation. A meaningful performance measure shows how the actions taken through the duration of your project contribute to achieving results.

When considering a possible performance measure, think SMART:

1. Specific
2. Measurable
3. Achievable
4. Relevant/Realistic
5. Time-Sensitive

Please identify in your application form the performance measures that you can track and report on throughout your project using reliable, verifiable and consistent data collection methods. These measures should include all project activities that are being funded by the Great Lakes Local Action Fund that you are able to track.

For example, if your project involves 25 volunteers planting 1000 trees, numbers 1, 2 and 8 from the list below, along with any other relevant performance measures that are applicable to your project, should be described in your application.

## Examples of Performance Measures

Please note: This list provides examples of performance measures to help guide you in developing measures for your project. It may not be necessary to report on all measures listed below, however you should report on each measure that is relevant to your project as well as any others that are relevant but not listed.

### Species and Habitat

1. Number of trees planted
2. Number of shrubs planted
3. Number of plants planted

4. Kilograms of seeds planted
5. Expected survival rate of the trees/shrubs planted (in percentage)
6. Area of land/wetland restored, protected, controlled or created (in square metres)
7. Number of types of invasive species managed
8. Number of fish habitats/spawning grounds created/protected
9. Number of fish released
10. Number of species protected

### Shoreline and Trails

11. Metres of trail created/enhanced
12. Metres of bridges enhanced or restored
13. Metres of shoreline restored

### Water Quality

14. Metres of fence installed
15. Amount harmful pollutants reduced/diverted (in mg, or create new performance measure if different unit of measure required)

### Stormwater Management

16. Square metres of land dedicated/enhanced for improved stormwater retention/management
17. Litres of stormwater diverted

### Clean-Up

18. Area cleaned (square kilometers)
19. Number of garbage bags of litter collected
20. Kilograms of litter, plastic pollution collected

## Monitoring and Conservation

21. Litres of water conserved
22. Number of data samples collected to monitor water quality or quantity
23. Number of data samples collected on wildlife (e.g., fish species, plants)

## Educational Measures

24. Number of educational signs installed, or demarcations made (e.g., painted markings)
25. Number of educational materials distributed/downloaded (e.g., kits, brochures or pamphlets)
26. Number of websites created or posts on project
27. Number of events and activities hosted

## Community Engagement

28. Number of volunteer hours
29. Number of volunteers involved
30. Number of youth involved
31. Number of students involved
32. Number of schools involved
33. Number of organizations/groups involved in project
34. Number of participants at events/workshops

**OTHER** – additional measures applicable to the project (defined by the recipient)

## Appendix B: Permits & Other Requirements

The following are permits and other requirements that may be required for projects being funded. There may be additional permits/approvals needed depending on your project. This document is designed to help develop your application as completely as possible. Note that permits do not have to be in place in order to submit your application. However, an approved permit, if required, will enable your project to start on time. If permits and approvals are not yet in place at the time of application submission, the ministry will take this into account in evaluating the feasibility of the project.

**DISCLAIMER:** Applicants must note that the following is for illustrative purposes only and does not constitute advice of any kind from the ministry on how an applicant must comply with any requirements of law. Applicants must not rely on the following information as being a comprehensive list of permits or other requirements that may be required for their particular project and should consult with their own legal counsel or other relevant advisors in this regard.

Applicants should also note that the ministry will not give preferential treatment for any permit, licence or approval issued by the ministry. The ministry's directors are under no obligation to issue permits, licenses or approvals and retain their authority to refuse issuing permits, licenses and approvals for which the directors have the legal authority if it is reasonable to do so, based on the information provided.

### Permits and other requirements

<b>Permits and other requirements</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Project examples</b>	<b>Additional details and contact information</b>
Permit to Take Water (PTTW)  (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects taking more than 50,000 litres of water a day from a lake, river, stream or groundwater source require a permit to take water from the Ministry of the Environment,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creation or restoration of a wetland</li> </ul>	General information on the permit to take water program is available through the ministry's Public Information Centre at 1-800-565-4923 or within the Toronto calling area at 416-325-4000.  Water takings in Ontario are governed by the Ontario Water Resources Act (OWRA) and the Water Taking and



	Conservation and Parks (with a few exceptions)		Transfer Regulation (O.Reg. 387/04).  For more information on permits to take water: <a href="http://www.ontario.ca/data/permit-take-water">http://www.ontario.ca/data/permit-take-water</a>
Work Permit under the Public Lands Act  (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific activities or works on provincial Crown lands including lake and river beds and shore lands (e.g., Crown/private lands seasonally or permanently under water)</li> <li>• Ensures activities do not impact nearby Crown land/private land interests</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Filling shore lands, creating a beach, constructing shoreline protection works, such as shoreline stabilization</li> <li>• Removing rocks/boulders from shore lands or a lake, river or stream bed</li> <li>• Constructing trails on Crown land</li> <li>• Constructing water crossings, (e.g., a bridge, culvert or causeway) on Crown land</li> <li>• Removing native or invasive aquatic vegetation</li> </ul>	<p>Effective January 1, 2014, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) introduced new requirements for several activities formerly requiring a work permit issued under the authority of the <i>Public Lands Act</i>.</p> <p>Learn when you do not need a work permit at: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/crown-land-work-permits">https://www.ontario.ca/page/crown-land-work-permits</a></p> <p>Contact the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940 (toll free) or 1-866-686-6072 (TTY – Hearing Impaired) for additional guidance on work permits.</p> <p>Contact the lands technical specialist at your local MNRF office for additional guidance on work permits: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry-regional-and-district-offices">https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry-regional-and-district-offices</a></p> <p>Note that a work permit can take from 6 to 8 weeks to process and is required</p>

			<p>before projects requiring a permit can start.</p> <p>Other provincial, municipal and federal authorizations may be required. For example, alterations to the channel, water level and/or flow of a lake or river may need MNR approval under the <i>Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act</i>. Fish stocking requires a licence under MNR's <i>Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act</i>.</p>
<p>Letter of Opinion for the Natural Resources Exception, under Ontario Regulation 63/09</p> <p>(Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The use of pesticides is regulated under the Provincial Pesticides Act and Ontario Regulation 63/09. Natural resource management projects involving the application of unlisted pesticides may require a Letter of Opinion from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry or the Ministry of the Environment,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects that involve the application of unlisted pesticides to: control/eradicate invasive species (e.g., Phragmites control on dry land); benefit a species that is native to Ontario (e.g., controlling terrestrial vegetation to enhance habitat where a species at risk may occur); OR, protect or restore the components of a rare ecosystem (e.g., control existing vegetation to</li> </ul>	<p>For more information on exceptions for the use of unlisted pesticides for natural resource management purposes and Letter of Opinion requirements contact your local MNR or MECP office:</p> <p><a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry-regional-and-district-offices">https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry-regional-and-district-offices</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/ministry-environment-district-locator">https://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/ministry-environment-district-locator</a></p> <p>Invasive Phragmites - Best Management Practices: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/document/invasive-phragmites-best-management-practices">https://www.ontario.ca/document/invasive-phragmites-best-management-practices</a></p> <p>Provincial Pesticides Act and Ontario Regulation 63/09:</p>

	Conservation and Parks	restore tall grass prairie)	<a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/pesticide-licences-and-permits">https://www.ontario.ca/page/pesticide-licences-and-permits</a>
Protection or recovery regulatory provision or permit under the Endangered Species Act (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes an activity that could adversely affect a species listed as endangered, threatened or extirpated on the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) List</li> <li>• The main purpose of the activity must be to assist in the protection or recovery of the subject species</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing a wetland where at-risk plant and turtle species are likely to occur</li> <li>• Conducting stream inventory work where at-risk fish species are known to occur</li> <li>• In-water works such as expanding sediment traps where at-risk mussels may occur</li> </ul>	<p>Species at Risk in Ontario list: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/species-risk-ontario">https://www.ontario.ca/page/species-risk-ontario</a></p> <p>Endangered Species Act: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-get-endangered-species-act-permit-or-authorization">https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-get-endangered-species-act-permit-or-authorization</a></p> <p>If you need a permit contact the Management Biologist at your local MNRF office: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry-regional-and-district-offices">https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry-regional-and-district-offices</a></p> <p>Ontario Regulation 242/08 under the Endangered Species Act: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/080242">https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/080242</a></p>
Development & Interference' regulation permits under the Conservation Authorities Act (Conservation Authorities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permits may be required for projects located in areas prone to natural hazards i.e. floodplains, shorelines, stream/valley lands, wetlands and areas around wetlands within the jurisdiction of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge replacement or creation</li> <li>• Shoreline protection</li> <li>• Pond maintenance</li> <li>• Changing or altering the channel of a watercourse</li> <li>• Changing a wetland</li> </ul>	<p>For more information on conservation authorities: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/conservation-authorities">https://www.ontario.ca/page/conservation-authorities</a></p> <p>To locate a Conservation Authority: <a href="https://conservationontario.ca/conservation-authorities/find-a-conservation-authority">https://conservationontario.ca/conservation-authorities/find-a-conservation-authority</a></p>

	<p>conservation authorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permits are decided based on impacts to the control of flooding, erosion, pollution, dynamic beaches and 'conservation of land' or for interference with a watercourse or wetland</li> </ul>		
Work Permit/letter (Parks Canada)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prior written permission from Parks Canada is required for in-water and shoreline works on properties adjacent to the Trent-Severn Waterway and Rideau Canal</li> <li>In-water and shoreline works means all work taking place and all structures built on or over these waterways and those at the shoreline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-water and shoreline works</li> <li>Shoreline stabilization or rehabilitation</li> <li>In-water and shoreline works in wetlands</li> </ul>	<p>For more information including the In-Water and Shoreline Work Permit Application and Policies, as well as a list of specific water bodies that are part of the Trent-Severn Waterway and Rideau Canal:</p> <p><a href="https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/docs/r/poli/page01">https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/docs/r/poli/page01</a></p>