

# Riparian Areas Assessment and Restoration in the Seven Persons Creek Watershed



## Funding Eligibility



### 1.1. Eligible Applicants

1.1.1. To apply for financial support for a restoration project:

- a) a person must be the legal owner(s) of the private land(s) within the Seven Persons Creek watershed on which riparian areas are to be restored;
- b) a municipality that has jurisdiction over riparian areas within the Seven Persons Creek watershed that need to be restored.

### 1.2. Eligible Projects

- 1.2.1. Eligible Projects must be located within the Seven Persons Creek watershed (please see the map in the **Introduction** document).
- 1.2.2. An Eligible Project must have an Eligible Applicant.
- 1.2.3. An Eligible Project includes a set of necessary activities that will contribute to the total deliverable of 10 km of restored riparian areas.
- 1.2.4. An Eligible Project may include a combination of restoration practices, and agricultural beneficial management practices (BMPs). Examples are listed in **Appendix A**. Subject to approval by the SEAWA Technical Committee, the Applicant may propose other practices that will support and achieve the restoration of riparian areas in the watershed.
- 1.2.5. An Eligible Project must restore a degraded riparian area of a natural stream or lake or an irrigation reservoir, or prevent their potential degradation. The implementation of agricultural BMPs alone on the uplands adjacent to a riparian area does not qualify as an Eligible Project.
- 1.2.6. Restoration works may involve permits and approvals from municipal, provincial and/or federal government agencies. It is the duty of the applicant to ensure that these requirements are completed, and provide a copy to the SEAWA.
- 1.2.7. The SEAWA Technical Committee will review all Applications and determine which ones are eligible for funding.

### 1.3. Approved Projects

- 1.3.1 Only Approved Projects will be funded by SEAWA (through the Riparian Areas Assessment and Restoration in the Seven Persons Creek Watershed Project).
- 1.3.2 An Approved Project must:
  - a) have an Approval Letter sent by the SEAWA Executive Director to the Applicant indicating the specific restoration site, its Project Term, the amount of funding awarded, deliverables, and schedule and conditions of payments;
  - b) comply with the Terms and Conditions sent with the Approval Letter;
  - c) be completed within the specified Project Term.
- 1.3.3 In completing the Approved Project, the Applicant must:
  - a) comply with all applicable laws and regulations;
  - b) obtain all required provincial and federal government approvals prior to commencing the Approved Project; and
  - c) meet all applicable guidelines issued by the municipal, provincial and federal governments.

## 1.4. Ineligible Projects

### 1.4.1 Ineligible Projects include:

- a) Areas adjacent to dug-outs and along man-made channels or drainage channels that are not connected to a natural stream or an irrigation network;
- b) Bank stabilization using non-biodegradable materials such as concrete rip raps, gabions, and similar structural materials;
- c) Bank modifications to build access structures for public use;
- d) Projects already funded wholly by other sources of grants;
- e) Implementation of Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) on the uplands without a riparian area restoration activity or riparian conservation initiative;
- f) Any other project deemed ineligible by the SEAWA Executive Director, or when referred to and deemed ineligible by the grant funder.

## 1.5. Eligible Expenses

### 1.5.1 Eligible Expenses are approved by the SEAWA Executive Director and stated in the Approval Letter, and may include:

- a) Eligible Costs listed in **Appendix B**
- b) Any other expense approved by the SEAWA Executive Director, or when referred to and deemed eligible by the grant funder.

## 1.6. Ineligible Expenses

### 1.6.1 Expenses that are not eligible for reimbursement:

- a) GST
- b) Extended warranties on equipment, electronics, or technology purchased;
- c) Leasing costs;
- d) Expenses incurred prior to the date the Application is received. If applicable, the SEAWA Executive Director will indicate in the Approval Letter a retroactive date;
- e) Expenses incurred outside of the Project Term for an Approved Project;
- i) Expenses incurred when an Approved Project is not completed by the Applicant during the Project Term;
- j) Expenses incurred in transactions between individuals who are related to each other by blood, marriage, adoption, common-law relationships, or close-business ties;
- k) Expenses funded through any other federal or provincial government grants, programs or projects; and
- l) Any other expense deemed ineligible by the SEAWA Executive Director, or when referred to and deemed ineligible by the grant funder.

### 1.6.2 Barter and exchange transactions are ineligible. Only expenses incurred in monetary transactions evidenced by receipts are eligible.

## Appendix A: Eligible Projects

Restoration work includes any or a combination of the following:

- Planting of native shrubs or trees. (Including: Installation of temporary watering systems, installation of protective cases around vegetation to deter deer browsing, protecting bare sediment/soil with mulch or native plants.)
- Removal and disposal of invasive species and noxious weeds.
- Installation of off-stream watering systems for cattle.
- Removal of old structures (excluding in-stream structures), flow impediments, stream-riparian adjacent paved surfaces.
- Collection and disposal of garbage.
- Installation of biodegradable erosion prevention materials.
- Bio-engineering projects.
- Establishing vegetative riparian buffers upslope of engineered erosion control structures.
- Fencing and portable livestock shelters to manage livestock access to riparian areas.
- Installation of protective barriers around newly established buffer strips, or other restoration projects.
- Partner proposed projects approved by the SEAWA Executive Director.

## Appendix B – Eligible Costs

Costs of the following directly associated with the restoration works:

- Engineering designs
- Construction materials
- Native plants, planting and associated materials
- Equipment costs (e.g., off-stream watering system)
- Fuel
- Shipping of materials
- Paid labour at most current AB standards custom rates
- Landowner labour calculated at \$25.00 per hour
- Landowner personal equipment use
- Contractor services
- Travel (mileage and meals) expenses at Government of Alberta Rates.

Except for landowner labour, equipment and travel expenses at Government of Alberta rates, expense claims require itemized receipts of payments.