



Beneficial Management Practices

Biodiversity Appendix 2024/25



Biodiversity Projects

Cost Shared Ratio: 50% unless otherwise noted

Maximum total funding amount for all projects undertaken in the Biodiversity category: Up to \$25K unless otherwise noted

Application Window: Opens January 30, 2024

Submission Window: February 13, 2024 at 9 AM to February 20, 2024 at 4 PM

Project Completion Date: + 140 days from Project Approval/Start Date

Categories:

- **Habitat Structures and enhancement***
- Protection of wildlife (flushing bars)
- Creation of pollinator habitat
- Stackyard fencing
- Establishment of shelterbelts or tree buffers

The cost-share will be 90% for all Practice Codes highlighted with **orange font and *** in the practice codes table presented below unless otherwise noted. The **Fraser Valley Flood Mitigation Program** supports these cost-share and cap increases.



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Practice Code Details

BMP Category Practice Code and Commodity	Eligible BMPs and Costs	Required plans or actions to be completed prior to or concurrent with a project
2204 – Habitat Structures and Enhancement *	<p>Funding to support the purchase, construction and installation of species-specific habitat structures and enhancements to natural habitat for wildlife and specific species at risk. These include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bat houses and/or bat roosts • Specialized nest boxes for birds (e.g. barn owl, barn swallow, prothonotary warbler) • Winter bird roosts • Turtle sunning platforms • Snake hibernacula (overwintering sites) • Turtle nesting sites • Protective structures (i.e. cattle guards) to prevent nest relocation. 	
2206 – Protection of wildlife (flushing bars)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flushing bars on haying/silage-cutting equipment to reduce wildlife mortality <p>Ineligible Items: Equipment or components directly related to cutting or harvesting of forage.</p>	
2207 – Creating Pollinator Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of pollinator strips or other perennial cover for pollinator habitat • Development of pollinator nesting sites to support pollinators and plant species at risk • Establishment of pollinator habitat for other biodiversity purposes in fields or field margins of existing cropland (area 	Biodiversity Management Plan (2801) is required

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	<p>planted with high value plants that pollinators like)</p> <p>Ineligible Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going maintenance • Costs associated with acquiring/planting invasive plant species • Opportunity costs associated with payments for land taken out of production • Landscape quality or landscaping-type plantings • Commercial fruit trees, Christmas trees, ornamentals, afforestation, woodlot establishment and reforestation. 	
2209 – Stackyard Fencing	<p>To cover a portion of the costs for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stackyard fencing to protect harvested feeds, forage and silage stored by farmers and ranchers from wildlife • Eligible permanent fencing inclusive of all costs, including in-kind labour • Portable electric fencing, set-ups, including solar battery chargers, battery and initial line and post purchases • Monitoring and management equipment <p>Ineligible items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perimeter fencing • Pasture seeding and establishment costs • Pasture renovation • Repair and maintenance of existing riparian erosion control or riparian pasture management systems and equipment (e.g., can't be used to repair existing fence) <p>Note: Approval of projects will be contingent upon adherence to all federal, provincial, and municipal guidelines and</p>	

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	regulations for project design and implementation	
1901 - Establishment of shelterbelts or tree buffers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The desired outcome of the shelterbelt or buffer establishment must be identified in the plan and reflected in the proposed design and species mix • Tree materials only for planting around fields and buildings • Staking to support young trees from winter damage • Buffers can be single or multi-row • Maintenance for the year after the planting year can be included as part of the project proposal but is subject to the availability of funding in the following program year • Renovations or supplemental plantings will be considered <p>Ineligible items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of trees or shrubs that are intended for harvesting for economic benefit within 15 years, such as fruit orchards, Christmas trees, ornamental nursery stock • Block or plantation-style plantings • Buffer and shelterbelt renovation costs incurred after the establishment or the purchase and relocation of established trees • Landscape quality or landscaping-type plantings • Breaking and reseeding of existing native forages • Costs for planting cover or companion crops <p>Seed containing noxious or prohibited weeds as listed in The Weed Control Act.</p>	<p>Vegetative Buffer Plan (3401)</p> <p>A Vegetative Buffer Plan is required for shelterbelt or buffer plantings in all regional districts of Vancouver Island, the Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys, Thompson- Nicola, Fraser Valley and Metro Vancouver areas</p>

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