



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW

Greenview Riparian and Agricultural Sustainability Support (G.R.A.S.S)

Information

Greenview is proud to announce Greenview Riparian and Agricultural Sustainability Support (G.R.A.S.S). This support is designed to assist producers to increase environmental sustainability in agricultural production. Greenview recognizes that mitigating adverse environmental impacts caused by agricultural operations can have a financial burden that producers should not face alone. With this program, Greenview producers can partner with the Greenview Agricultural Services Department in a cost-sharing program for activities or projects that will benefit the environment in agricultural use. The project will be cost-shared with 50% of funding supplied by Greenview, to a maximum of \$5000 per project. All projects must demonstrate an environmental need and must enhance or protect riparian or environmentally sensitive areas from adverse effects caused by agriculture.

Eligible projects will include:

- Offsite watering systems
- Livestock or machinery creek/stream crossings
- Beaver pond levellers or exclusion fencing
- Establishment or enhancement of vegetation along riparian areas
- Fencing off dugouts or riparian areas (including portable electric fencing)
- Replacement or repairs to an existing fence if placed in a riparian or environmentally sensitive area
- Other projects that enhance or protect riparian or environmentally sensitive areas deemed acceptable at the Manager's discretion

Ineligible projects include:

- New dugouts or wells
- Fencing not related to a riparian or environmentally sensitive area
- Projects or upgrades as required by subdivision rules or regulations

Terms and Conditions:

Applications will be accepted year-round until the budgetary maximum has been reached for that year. Funding is available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Applications that cannot be accommodated due to the budgetary maximum being reached in the 2026 year may be moved into the 2027 year with approval from the project applicant.

Terms and Conditions (*continued*):

- Projects completed in the 2026 year may apply retroactively if receipts and invoices are provided.
- All permits and approvals required at the municipal, provincial, or federal level are the responsibility of the project applicant
- All projects must comply with all municipal, provincial, and federal regulation
- Projects on rented land must include written approval from the landowner for the project and agree to the maintenance of the project for a minimum of 5 years
- Employees or representatives of the Municipality of Greenview are not liable in any way for the project or funding
- Greenview staff must have written approval to access the land prior to the start of the project, during project construction, and after project completion
- Greenview staff will conduct a site assessment prior to the project start date, 3 years after project completion, and 5 years after project completion
- Projects must be adequately maintained, with access being given to Greenview staff
- Receipts from purchases, rental equipment, hired labour, or contractors required to complete the project must be submitted
- Permission from the applicant may be required to release photos of the project across various forms of media
- Funding through other programs is permitted; however, the contribution of the other partners must be disclosed to Greenview
- The applicant must cover a minimum of 25% of the total project cost
- A copy of the site assessment will be available to the project applicant at their request
- Successful applicants will be asked for an in-person, phone, or virtual meeting to discuss the project further and clarify details

Procedure:

After submitting your application, only those whose applications have been approved will be contacted. If approved, you will be contacted by a member of the Agricultural Services Department. You will receive an acceptance letter officially declaring approval. You will then be guaranteed the funds and can begin the project (if not applying retroactively) after a site visit. After completion of the project, you will be asked to supply receipts and related invoices. After these have been provided to Greenview, the funds will be released to you.