

# Expression of Interest

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## Description

With a focus on watershed health, management and resiliency, Growing Outcomes in Watersheds (GROW) projects will help reduce flooding and drought vulnerability, and improve water quality and nutrient management in Manitoba.

GROW provides incentives for the delivery of EG&S on working lands in Agro-Manitoba. Incentives to landowners include cost-shared support for project establishment (i.e., implementation) costs, and/or annual incentive payments for land enrolled in the program.

## SRWD Activity Descriptions

**Class 1 and 2 Wetland Conservation (Temporary Wetland Conservation):** Class 1 & 2 wetlands are shallow depressions that hold water for only a few weeks after spring snowmelt and for several days after heavy rain events. Get paid to store these acres on your land with no agricultural restrictions.



Figure 1 - Example of class 1 and 2 wetlands in a field



Figure 2 - Example of wetland area management project (wetland fenced off from livestock activity)

**Wetland Area Management:** A wetland is a permanently or temporarily water-saturated area characterized by distinct plants and soil types. Possible projects may include establishing a perennial upland buffer around a wetland, fencing, off-site watering, plugging surface drains etc.

**Upland Area Management:** Natural upland areas, such as treed areas and grasslands, may require rejuvenation to function optimally. Some of these areas may also be vulnerable to conversion to other land uses, such as annual cropping or development.



Figure 3 - Example of upland area management project (conservation of healthy native grassland and woodland)

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Figure 4 - Example of riparian area management project  
(conservation of a healthy riparian area)

**Riparian Area Management:** Riparian areas are vegetated (trees, shrubs, and herbs) zones adjacent to rivers, streams, lakes, and wetlands. A riparian area is considered a transition zone or interface between a waterbody or wetland, and the surrounding drier upland. Projects may include fencing, alternative watering systems, and re-establishment of riparian vegetation.

**Buffer (Shelterbelt) Establishment:** Buffers are natural or engineered transitions between landscape features managed for different outcomes – for example, buffers on annual cropland to reduce wind-based erosion, or perennial covers between fields edges and riparian areas to provide protection from nutrients, chemicals, and mechanical disturbances.



Figure 5 - Example of shelterbelt on annual cropland, providing protection and reducing wind based erosion

## Possible Activities (check all that apply)

- Class 1 and 2 Wetland Conservation (Temporary Wetland Conservation)
- Wetland Area Management
- Upland Area Management
- Riparian Area Management
- Buffer (Shelterbelt) Establishment

## Please complete the following

**Full name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Project Description (SRWD staff can assist with this portion)

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