

# Lower Thames Valley Precision Phosphorus Reduction Program



2025 Application Form

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority is pleased to offer the 2025 Precision Phosphorus Reduction Program (PPRP) funded through the Canada Water Agency. The PPRP will run through 2028 and aims to provide farmers with the knowledge and tools to reduce the loss of phosphorus to the natural environment while recognizing the vital role it plays to crop quality and yield.

### Application Guidelines:

- Refer to the 2025 Cover Crop Guidelines for full details on eligible projects.
- LTVCA staff will review all project proposals and approve funding on a case-by-case basis. \*Preference will be provided to new adopters and proposals exhibiting environmental merit.
- There is no guarantee of maximum financial incentive. The LTVCA aims to distribute funds across the region to expand cover crop project impact while reaching the maximum number of acres and farm businesses.

### Application Process:

- Read the application form and eligibility requirements.
- Complete the attached: Contact Information and Field and Cover Crop Information forms.
- Sign the Declaration and Signature form.
- Submit application(s) within the required timeframe(s):

**By mail or in person: 100 Thames Street, Chatham, ON, N7L 2Y8**

**By email to the Agriculture Team: [agriculture@ltvca.ca](mailto:agriculture@ltvca.ca)**

- The LTVCA will review your application and determine your approval status. If approved, you will receive a Letter of Pre-Approval.
- Projects will be verified with an onsite inspection ensuring requirements are met.
- Payment will be mailed by cheque in Spring 2026.

Please Note - All monetary incentives, program details and guidelines as outlined in this document are subject to change without notice to the applicant, as per the authority or funder discretion.

### Disclaimer: Payment Schedule Notice

In accordance with the funding schedule established by our government funders, payment disbursements will not begin until Spring 2026. While applications may be submitted and pre-approved in advance, no funds will be released prior to that time.

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## COVER CROP GUIDELINES

### Cover Crop Funding Incentive:

- \$10/ acre – harvested or grazed cover crops
- \$30/ acre – single or multi-species cover crops

### Requirements:

- Fields must be in the Lower Thames Valley region.
- Only cover crops that were planted in 2025 and left over for the winter will be eligible.
- All fields will be inspected prior to March 15, 2026 to determine if they meet the overwinter residue requirements of 60% residue.

### Eligible Practices:

- Cover crops seeded following the harvest of an annual crop.
- Cover crops seeded with or into an annual crop.
- Single or multi-species cover crops.
- Fall burndown of cover crops is discouraged but acceptable allowed if spring residue meets criteria.

### Ineligible Practices:

- Cover Crop plantings that are terminated through fall tillage are not eligible for funding.
- Crops harvested as a marketable grain crop the next year are not eligible.
- Winter wheat, alfalfa or triticale as a single species or planting of invasive species are not eligible.

### Audit Process:

- Fields will be subject to a site visit by the LTVCA staff prior to March 15, 2026 to ensure 60% residue cover and confirm species.
- On a case-by-case basis, exceptions to the 60% requirement may be granted where cover crops are a new practice or where establishment of a late season cover crops was impacted by weather.
- Fields may be subject to photography or videography from land based and/or aerial platforms.
- At the time of site visit a soil test may be taken by LTVCA staff to catalogue regional soil health parameters.

### Additional Program Requirements:

- Applicants must inform the LTVCA of other funding sources.
- Participating farmers must be willing to provide information on their general crop production systems (crop rotation, tillage, fertility, yield estimates).
- A financial incentive to implement cover crops may be paid to an applicant who:
  - Is a resident of Ontario
  - Is a registered owner of property in the target area used for agricultural purposes
  - Is a tenant farmer using rented land for agricultural purposes

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## DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

- By submitting an application, you consent to allowing the LTVCA to collect, manage and share the project cost and crop management data associated with the project. The data collected by the LTVCA may be shared with public and government partners (municipal, provincial and federal) to assist with tracking agricultural progress towards addressing the watershed environmental challenges and program goals. The data collected will only be shared in aggregate form publicly. No business or personal identifiers will be shared with other parties.

Example of aggregate statement the LTVCA may use when discussing project deliverables:

*“Within the Lower Thames Valley Watershed 50 farmers planted 5000 ac. of cover crops at an average cost of \$30/acre. It is estimated that these plantings reduced phosphorus loads into the Thames River by 5%”.*

- By participating in the program, you acknowledge and consent to potential photography and/or videography gathered and procured by the LTVCA which may be used on social media or in print format.
- You consent to having all fields listed on this application inspected/audited by LTVCA staff during normal business hours.
- The LTVCA will require a BIN / SIN number to provide you with an AGR-1 Statement of Farm Support Payments.
- All fields must be filled out completely. Failure to fully complete your application may result in delayed processing or rejection of application.
- You acknowledge that a Letter of Pre-Approval does not guarantee funding. Funding will be granted once all verification processes are completed.

By signing below, I agree to be bound by the above terms and conditions of the LTVCA PPRP, as stated in the declaration and signature section of this application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First* *Last* *M.I*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address* *City/Town* *Province* *Postal Code*

## FARM BUSINESS INFORMATION

*Note: The incentive cheque will be mailed and written to the Farm Business or Sole Proprietor name provided below.*

Legal Business Name or Sole Proprietor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Business Registration Number or Exemption Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address* *City/Town* *Province* *Postal Code*

Farm/Commodity Type(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
*(ex. Cash Crop, Tomatoes, Cattle)*

Acres Owned: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres Rented: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in a grant funded program in the past? List any: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you used cover crops in the past? Y / N

Have you done soil testing in the past? Y / N If yes, list method(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
*(ex. 2.5ac grid / Soil Optix / 5ac zone / bulk)*

Do you have up-to-date multi-year crop plans with an agronomist? \_\_\_\_\_

Current methods & timing of phosphorus applications: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(ex. fall broadcast/VR, banded at planting, through strip in fall)*

Current tillage practices & timing (list all passes): \_\_\_\_\_  
*(ex. fall chisel plow, spring disc, cultivator)*

Do you have any concerns/issues with erosion on farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have an Environmental Farm Plan? Y / N Version/Edition # \_\_\_\_\_

Do you consent to receive future program updates by email: Y / N

Would you like to receive the LTVCA's agricultural newsletter and be informed of upcoming events? Y / N

**FIELD AND COVER CROP INFORMATION**

<i>Field Name</i>	<i>Roll Number, 911 Address, or GPS Coordinates (Choose one)</i>	<i>Species Planted</i>	<i>Date Planted</i>	<i>Total 2025 CC Acres Planted</i>	<i>Termination Method and Timing</i>	<i>Planting Method</i>	<i>First Time Cover Cropping on This Field?</i>
<i>Example: Home North</i>	<i>42.48441, -81.91817 123 Main Street 1234 123 456 12345 0000</i>	<i>Example: Oats + radish</i>	<i>Example: 2025-09-15</i>	<i>Example: 52</i>	<i>Frost termination Spring or fall herbicide Spring tillage</i>	<i>Broadcast, Drill seeding, Interseeding</i>	<i>Yes or No</i>
<b>Total 2025 cover crop acres planted:</b>					<b>Multiplied by \$/acre</b>	<b>\$ Total incentive claimed</b>	

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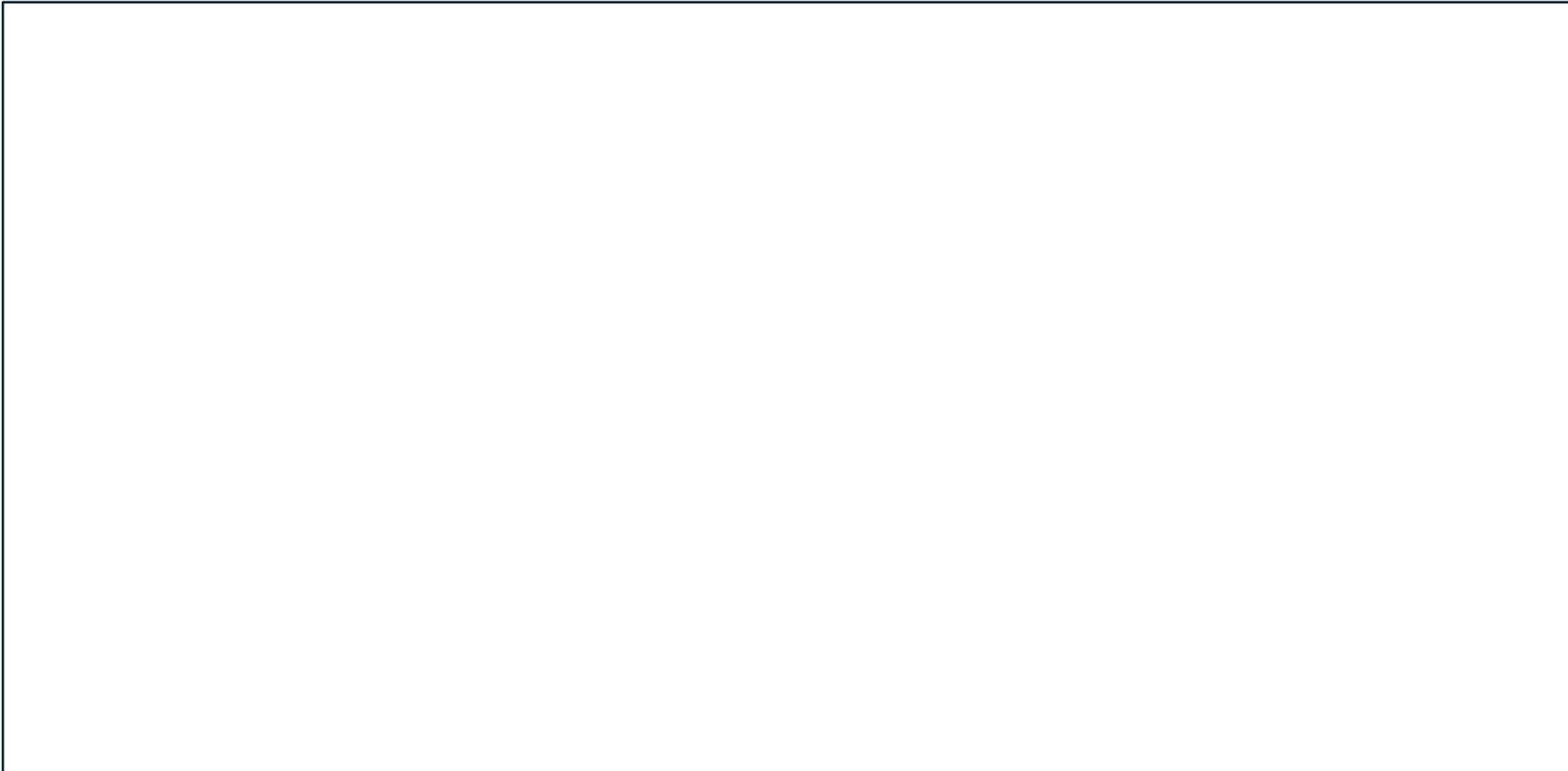
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## SITE MAP

- Attach a screenshot of Google Maps with field outlined or highlighted.
- OR**
- Attach copies of maps received through soil sampling or VR application that outline the field parameters.
  - Alternatively, use the space provided to draw a site map
- Your map should include:
- Nearby structures and landmarks (roads/houses/waterways/wind turbines)
  - Fields involved in this program with access point(s)

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the user to draw a site map. The box is currently blank.

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