

Well Replacement

Project Intent: To eliminate the contribution of pollutants and nutrient loading from a faulty well to a groundwater source.

Eligible Project/ Components

- ▶ New well construction (dug, bored or drilled), by a licensed contractor, to replace an existing “used” well will be considered **under the following circumstances;**
- the well in use is causing a demonstrated groundwater quality impairment;
- proof of groundwater quality impairment is provided e.g. consistent contaminated well water test results; and,
- the new well is replacing an existing, working well, which is causing a demonstrated groundwater quality impairment (as above);
- the old well is decommissioned (properly plugged according to Ministry of Environment standards) to prevent further groundwater quality impairment, before the new well is created; and,
- the new well must service **ONLY** what the old well serviced.
- ▶ Replacement of the old well must be the only option to fix the groundwater quality impairment, i.e. repairing the well would not remedy the groundwater quality impairment.

Technical Details/Considerations

- ▶ Projects must demonstrate a potential to improve local groundwater quality.
- ▶ Projects must be constructed by a licensed contractor in accordance with Ontario Regulation 128, as set out by the Ministry of Environment (MOE) regarding well construction and decommissioning.
- ▶ All approved projects must provide a copy of the following documents: well water test results, a record, invoices and proof of payment.

- ▶ Each applicant is responsible for ensuring that the project meets all legal requirements and approvals, including municipal, provincial and federal.
- ▶ Farmers who have completed a 3rd edition Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) and possess a Farm Business Registration Number (FBR), and rural non-farmers who have completed a Healthy Home Guide, may be eligible for funding.

Eligible Costs

- ▶ Required permits and approvals
- ▶ Purchased materials and supplies
- ▶ Contract labour
- ▶ Professional fees
- ▶ Fees for design, construction and supervision
- ▶ Well water testing

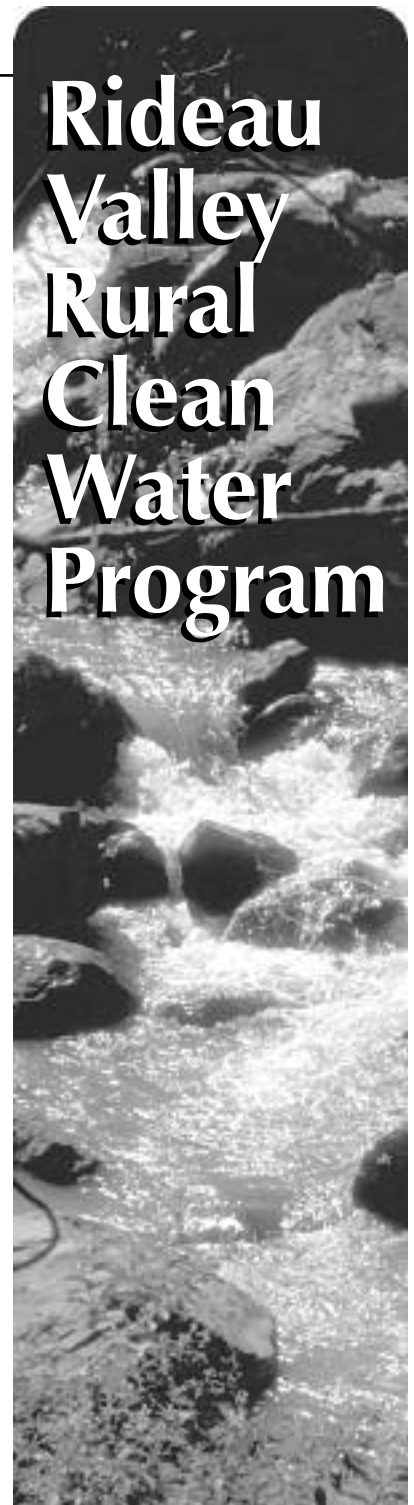
Ineligible Costs

- ▶ The replacement of wells due to water *quantity problems*
- ▶ Where more than one well exists to fulfill a specific service (e.g. private drinking water supply), and only one well demonstrates groundwater quality impairment, the project will not be considered for funding.
- ▶ Drilling a new well on its own
- ▶ Labour and machinery use of the applicant, dependents and the applicant’s business
- ▶ Tax (HST)
- ▶ Pumps, tanks, electrical connections and plumbing within buildings

Questions? Contact the RVCA’s LandOwner Resource Centre
613 692 3571 or 1 800 267-3504
extension 1128 or 1132

Note: Projects completed prior to contacting the LandOwner Resource Centre will not be eligible for funding

Rideau Valley Rural Clean Water Program



Maximum Cost Share Available:

50%

Maximum Grant:

\$2,000

