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Water Well Improvement Program - Well Decommissioning Project Guidelines

1.0 Purpose:

To prevent groundwater contamination of local aquifers and drinking water sources through improperly abandoned or unused drinking water wells.

2.0 Cost Share Details:

- Tier 1: Outside a Municipal Drinking Water Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA)
Approved projects funded at 100% up to a maximum of \$1,000 per well.

- Tier 2: Within a Municipal Drinking Water Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA)
Approved projects funded at 100% up to a maximum of \$2,000 per well.

All farm properties must complete or have an active Environmental Farm Plan to be eligible for funding.

To find out if your property is located within a WHPA area, use the Source Protection Information Atlas (interactive mapping tool) here: <https://swpip.ca/>

3.0 Eligible Projects:

All decommissioning projects completed by a licensed well contractor are eligible for funding. Please complete an application form, found on our website, to initiate the funding process.

4.0 Additional Project Details:

Please ensure that your well decommissioning project:

- Complies with Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks procedures for plugging or abandoning unused water wells (R.R.O. 1990: Wells, Ontario Regulation 903); and
- Is completed by a licensed well contractor that can provide you with a completed Well Record to document the decommissioning; this Well Record must be submitted upon completion of the work before you receive any funding.

5.0 Expenses and Program Funding Specifics:

All labour and material costs incurred from retaining a licensed well contractor are eligible under this program. However, personal expenses (i.e., use of personal equipment or a personal business) to decommission a well will not be considered.

Additionally, funding will not be paid on HST if the applicant receives an HST rebate.

Please note that this funding may be combined with other funding sources provided that the total combined grant money does not exceed 100 percent of the total project expense.

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