

FUNDING AVAILABLE ON PEI

Please use this as a reference guide to help quickly assess what kind of funding you might be eligible for on your farm.



HEDGEROW PLANTING

DELIVERED BY: FORESTS,
FISH, AND WILDLIFE
DIVISION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY,
AND CLIMATE ACTION

The program's main goal is to fund the planting of trees and shrubs that promote the protection of soil from wind and rain erosion, prevent soil runoff from entering streams, and provide windbreaks for buildings and livestock. Program participants must agree to maintain and protect plantings for a minimum of 15 years.

Eligible Activities

Moderate sized plantings (at least 2.5 hectares)

Funding

Funding provides successful applicants with at least 300 seedlings for \$1+HST and will provide the labor and technical support necessary to complete the planting.



GREENING SPACES PROGRAM

Note: This program is available to local Island communities, schools and volunteer interest groups, but not individual landowners

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AND CLIMATE ACTION

This program provides the seedlings and technical advice required to complete plantings on private land through an application process. Returning abandoned farmland to forest cover buffers prevailing winds, increases afforestation along riparian areas, controls soil erosion, and provides wildlife habitat.

Eligible Activities

- School grounds
- Streambanks and Buffer Zones
- Hedgerows
- Wind and Noise Buffers
- Parks, Recreational Areas and other Community Lands
- Abandoned or Marginal Farmlands

Funding

Trees, some equipment, and technical advice are provided. There is no monetary funding provided through this program.



CARBON CAPTURE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

DELIVERED BY: FORESTS,
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AND CLIMATE ACTION

This program is aimed at reducing the amount of greenhouse gas present in the atmosphere through the planting of trees. The program uses trees as a tool for storing large amounts of carbon and is a crucial part of the province's plan to meet its climate targets. The goal of the program is to see 250 hectares of abandoned farmland and other marginal public and private properties reforested across PEI.

Eligible Activities

Minimum of 1 ha plantings. However, several smaller sites can be combined to meet this area's target.

Funding

Program funding comes from the Low Carbon Economy Fund (LCEF) and covers all the costs of planting. In addition, this program also covers a one-time Alternate Land Use Services (ALUS) payment for the area planted (refer to ALUS section for more information on ALUS). Site plantings completed under the CCTPP are also eligible for the various services offered through the Forest Enhancement Program (FEP).



FOREST ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

DELIVERED BY: FORESTS,
FISH, AND WILDLIFE
DIVISION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY,
AND CLIMATE ACTION

This program can help landowners manage their forests for multiple values including recreation, forest products, wildlife habitat, and forest restoration and health. Landowners must have at least 1 hectare of forest on their property. To apply to the FEP, woodlot owners must submit a Forest Management Plan application form and a Landowner Agreement form. Once the application is approved, landowners must then have a forest management plan completed by a private sector forest consultant or technician. To receive funding under the FEP, implementation of the various forest treatments must meet a minimum standard as described in the *PEI Ecosystem-based Forest Management Manual*.

Eligible Activities

Determined by the province based on treatments recommended within the management plan.

Funding

Through this program the government funds up to 70 percent of many, but not all recommended treatments. To qualify for these funds all work must be done to the required standards.



BUFFER ZONE ACQUISITION PROGRAM

DELIVERED BY: FORESTS,
FISH, AND WILDLIFE
DIVISION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY,
AND CLIMATE ACTION

Landowners with riparian lands (within 50m of watercourse) who are interested in selling their land can contact Forests, Fish and Wildlife to inquire.

Funding

The Province will assess the property (or section of property) and may offer a fair-market value to the acquire land. Lands acquired will be protected under the PEI Wildlife Conservation Act.



ALUS-ALTERNATE LAND USE SERVICES

DELIVERED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE AND LAND
& PEI DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY
AND CLIMATE ACTION

The goal of ALUS is to recognize and pay farmers for the ecological services through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership that they may provide on their land. The program puts particular focus on activities that improve water quality and biodiversity, such as riparian area buffer expansion, reforestation, high-sloped land retirement, increasing pollinator habitat, delayed hay cuts to protect ground-nesting birds, and incentivizing land under soil conservation structures.

Eligible Activities & Funding

- Expanded buffer zones:
 - \$250 (Harvestable forage) ha/year
 - \$275 (Managed for biodiversity) ha/year
 - \$300 (Trees & shrubs) ha/year
- Field margins:
 - \$225 (Managed for biodiversity) ha/year
 - \$250 (Trees & shrubs) ha/year
- Seasonally wet cropland:
 - \$200 (Harvestable forage) ha/year
 - \$225 (Managed for biodiversity) ha/year
 - \$250 (Trees & shrubs) ha/year
- High-slope land retirement:
 - \$200 (Harvestable forage) ha/year
 - \$225 (Managed for biodiversity) ha/year
 - \$250 (Trees & shrubs) ha/year
- Soil conservation structures:
 - \$300 (Diversion terraces, farmable berms, grassed waterways, etc.) ha/year
- Livestock fencing adjacent to waterways:
 - \$0.30 linear meter/year
- Delayed hay cutting & deferred grazing:
 - \$62 (Cut or graze after July 15th) ha/year
- Innovative agroforestry systems
 - \$250 Eco-buffers, alternative shelterbelts, willow blocks, etc. ha/year
 - \$150 Silvopasture (planting trees on pasture) ha/year



PERENNIAL CROP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

DELIVERED BY: PEI
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE AND LAND
UNDER THE SUSTANIABLE
CANADIAN AGRICULTURE
PARTNERSHIP (S-CAP)
PROGRAM

The Perennial Crop Development Program in Prince Edward Island aims to promote sustainability in the agriculture sector. By encouraging the use of perennial crops, the program seeks to boost carbon levels in the soil, reduce watercourse and wetland contamination, improve water-use efficiency, and enhance nutrient cycling efficiency. These ecological and economic benefits contribute to a more environmentally friendly and economically viable agriculture industry in PEI.

Eligible Activities

- Supporting the establishment and expansion of perennial crops, which may include purchasing and installing plants, wind-resilient trellises, exclusion netting, weed control barriers, mulch, and ground cover seed for orchards and vineyards.
- The adoption and evaluation of leading-edge production technologies to enhance efficiency, reduce costs, improve product quality, and increase market access for perennial crops.
- Expenses like storage and processing systems, capital equipment purchases, and controlled atmosphere storage are funded under the program.

Funding

- Perennial crop establishment:
Sub-program: 50% up to \$20,000
- Perennial crop efficiency sub-program:
50% up to \$50,000 for storage/ packaging/ processing projects
5% up to \$15,000 for production efficiency projects



ARGRICULTURE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM- BENEFICIAL MANAGMENT PRACTICES

DELIVERED BY: PEI
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE AND LAND
UNDER THE SUSTANIABLE
CANADIAN AGRICULTURE
PARTNERSHIP (S-CAP)
PROGRAM

The Agriculture Stewardship Program is designed to increase environmental sustainability, and climate change mitigation and adaptation, by providing technical and financial support to the development, promotion and implementation of Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs). Activity areas include soil conservation, climate change mitigation, soil health, nutrient management, integrated pest management, riparian management, water quality, water use efficiency, and on-farm product and waste storage.

Eligible Activities

Extensive list, refer to

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/agriculture/sustainable-canadian-agricultural-partnership>

Funding

Funding available depending on Best Management Practices (BMPs). For an extensive list refer to

https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/af_asp_guide.pdf on page 2.



FUNDING FOR OUTLET STABILIZATION AND SEDIMENT MITIGATION

DELIVERED BY: THE
PEI AGRIWATERSHED
PARTNERSHIP

Program & Eligible Activities

Focused on developing programs and projects aimed at reducing the impacts of agricultural runoff on watercourses and wetlands in PEI. Supports the installation of additional sediment mitigation to outlets of soil conservation structures installed in fields within 200 meters of a watercourse or wetland.

Funding will be allocated on a priority basis, and project proposals will be evaluated and prioritized by their potential to improve the local ecosystem in consultation with Soil & Water Specialists with the PEI Department of Agriculture and Land and Department of Environment, Energy & Climate Action.

Funding

Eligible costs rebated at 100% to a maximum of \$5000.00/project



SMALL MARSH PROGRAM (SMP)

DELIVERED BY: DUCKS
UNLIMITED CANADA
(DUC)

Restore, enhance or construct wetlands to provide wildlife habitat, clean water, carbon sequestration, and to help farmers find natural solutions to everyday problems.

Eligible Activities

Wetlands for biodiversity, livestock watering, and nutrient management.

Funding

Depends on circumstances and may change from year to year.



ON FARM CLIMATE ACTION FUND

DELIVERED BY: PEI
FEDERATION OF
AGRICULTURE

This program incentivizes adoption of beneficial management practices to reduce GHG emissions and increase carbon sequestration in the following categories:

Improved grazing management
Advanced grazing management practices
Winter cover cropping

Eligible Activities

Cover cropping, improved nitrogen management, advanced grazing management.

Funding

\$75 per acre for the cost of cover crop planting, 60% for equipment, 85% for enhanced efficiency fertilizers, and 75% of costs for relevant services provided by agronomists, Certified Crop Advisors, Professional Agrologists, and rotational grazing infrastructure. Maximum OFCAF contribution of \$75,000.



PEI-TWO BILLION TREES PROGRAM

DELIVERED BY: DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY
AND CLIMATE CHANGE &
THE PEI WATERSHED
ALLIANCE

This program aims to plant native trees on currently unforested sites, support municipalities with urban tree planting, and replant forested areas damaged by Hurricane Fiona. It seeks to enhance biodiversity, increase carbon storage, improve resilience to climate change, protect against high-water events, decrease erosion, and improve air quality.

Eligible Activities

The program plants trees on retired farmland, private land, and in watershed areas to increase environmental value, biodiversity, and resilience. Application details available online.

Scan the QR code for details



Funding

The program provides trees and planting services. There is no monetary funding provided through this program.

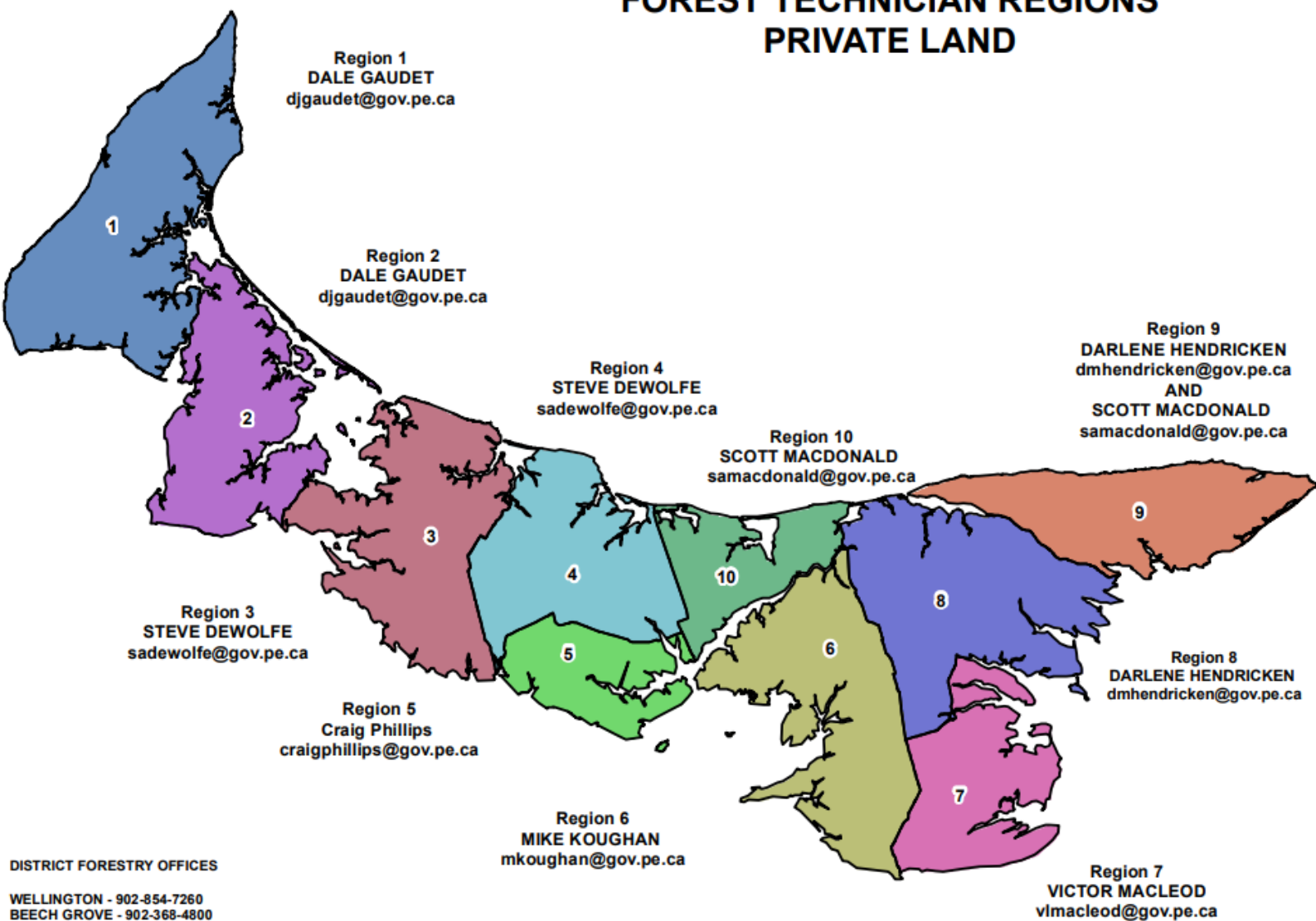


Can I get help managing my private forest land?

The Private Land Regions Map can connect you with the FEP forester or forest technician who works in your area. They will provide you with technical advice and financial assistance through the Forest Enhancement Program.

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FOREST TECHNICIAN REGIONS PRIVATE LAND



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