



This Beneficial Management Practice (BMP) is available to assist producers working as a group to reduce the impacts of agricultural drainage on downstream landowners, communities, and the environment. This BMP is designed for situations where drainage works from multiple landowners are within one drainage network and require participation from affected landowners in order for mitigation to be effective.

#### **FUNDING LEVELS/LIMITS**

- Fifty per cent of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$150,000.

#### **APPLICATION TYPE**

- **Pre-approval is necessary to qualify for this BMP.**
  - Application deadline for pre-approval is Feb. 15, 2022. Claims must be received by Dec. 31, 2022.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Limited to existing Conservation Area Authorities more commonly referred to as Conservation Districts (C&D), Watershed Association Board or a group of producers who have organized to form a legal entity.
- The project must be located in a high or extreme vulnerability basin or priority network as identified by Water Security Agency (WSA).
- Please refer to the [Drainage Stewardship BMP](#) for funding support for individual on-farm drainage mitigation works.
- The group must include affected producers within the specified drainage network.
- Drainage approval is not required to receive approval for funding of engineering costs. All required WSA drainage approvals must be received before payment can be made for construction and materials costs.
- Applications to this BMP are usually large technical projects involving several steps of engineering study and design. The [WSA Conservation Development Area Authority: The Guide](#) provides a detailed guide of working through this type of project development.
- This type of project usually requires developing a detailed Terms of Reference for an engineering consultant to follow. This Terms of Reference will also be required for any application to the BMP for engineering costs.
- Preparation of Terms of Reference is usually done by a [qualified person](#) who also assists landowners with applications for drainage approvals.
- [Saskatchewan Conservation and Development Association \(SCDA\)](#) provides qualified persons support to existing and potential C&D and may be able to assist with development of an application to this BMP.
- Support for developing most applications can be found by contacting your [WSA Regional Office](#).



## **PROJECT COSTS**

### **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS**

- All invoices for eligible expenses must be dated April 1, 2018, or later.
- Technical and/or engineering costs (including project management, surveys and design) for conceptual, preliminary and detailed design.
- Technical and/or engineering costs (including project management, surveys and design) for hydrology study and other preliminary work that may be required.
- Construction or forage seeding costs for erosion control in natural waterways without drainage works.
- Erosion control can be paid for in unchannelized sections of natural waterways where drainage works exist above or below the section. Channelized sections of natural waterways are considered C&D infrastructure and should be maintained by funds from the C&D.

### **INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS**

- Construction costs for drainage works/field drainage.
- Individual farm projects (refer to [Drainage Stewardship BMP](#)).
- Consultant fees to develop applications for drainage approvals which consist solely of mapping drainage works or applying standard mitigation work designs.
- Costs for projects where more than 20 per cent of the proposed project area is new drainage development.
- Projects involving maintenance or redevelopment of previously constructed works or waterways (C&D works).
- In-kind labour or equipment.