
INVEST North Program

Regional Tile Drainage

Who is Eligible?

Not-for-profit, agricultural or community organizations that would, on behalf of an identified consortium of producers, develop and administer a project to install tile drainage within a specific region (i.e., a consortium service provider).

What Projects are Eligible?

- Tile drainage contractor costs (materials and labour)
- Project management/administration fees of the service provider
- Land to be tiled can be in production or new acreage

Funding

- Funding is in the form of a conditional contribution, and will support the following:
 - 50 per cent of tile drainage contractor costs to a maximum of \$500 per acre, and
 - 100 per cent of the project management/administration fees of the service provider which is calculated as 10 per cent of the contractor costs to a maximum of \$100 per acre.
- The maximum investment from the NOHFC will not exceed the lesser of 50% or \$1 million towards eligible project costs.

Program Requirements

- The individual producers must make cash contributions of at least 10 per cent of the contractor costs (materials and labour) specific to their individual acreage.
- The installation of tile drainage must be completed by a contractor licensed for tile drainage installation and that the contractor confirm that their design is in compliance with the Drainage Guide for Ontario.
- A copy of a map and identification of property showing tile installation must be provided with requests for payment to NOHFC.
- In-kind contributions (labour, farm machinery, etc.) are ineligible.
- The consortium service provider is required to maintain and present for final payment to the NOHFC a detailed GPS map of the areas tiled in a mutually agreeable format.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) staff on viability of proposed projects.
- An OMAFRA technical review is a mandatory part of the due diligence process.