
New funding

to support your projects

to prevent erosion, keep soil on the land,
improve water quality and fish habitat



You and your neighbours are making a difference in the Ausable River watershed.

**Now there are additional grants to make your ideas reality
for the benefit of your property and your community**

What's new?

- \$104,000 in new funding from Canada's Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk (HSP) for initiatives to protect important species that are found in the Ausable River.
- New money for landowners like you.
- Supporting some of your project ideas to improve and preserve water quality, retain soil on the land and improve species habitat in your watershed.

What can I do?

Ask about funding and/or technical expertise opportunities to help you:

- Modify farm machinery to reduce crop land erosion – to keep soil on the land and sediment out of the Ausable River and its tributaries.
- Improve fish habitat on your property.
- Restore and enhance much-needed local wetlands – 'nature's reservoir,' to keep water storage on the landscape and to reduce sediment and nutrients in your watercourse.
- Plant native trees and shrubs along watercourses.
- Fence livestock out of watercourses and reduce erosion on your land.

There are positive projects you can now make happen

To find out more contact Kate or Ian at the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA)

at **519-235-2610** or **1-888-286-2610**

Visit abca.on.ca or e-mail info@abca.on.ca

Projects in the Ausable River Watershed to help your community

Supporting conservation education in local schools,
species monitoring, local management plan and more

Community management plan in Port Franks, landowner stewardship projects, stream and river improvements, and much more to improve your local watercourse

Canada's Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk (HSP) is helping make your Ausable River Recovery Strategy a reality.

The HSP program has now provided an additional \$104,000 in funding for initiatives to protect important species that are found in the Ausable River.

Some of that funding will assist you as a farmer or other rural landowner in undertaking beneficial projects for the benefit of your land and your community (*see back of this page*).

This year's program will help reduce crop land erosion through conservation tillage or no-till planting equipment, reduce sediment and nutrients in the local watercourse by restoring wetlands and support landowners' work fencing livestock out of the water and planting trees and shrubs along the river.

The funding will also support other community efforts:

- Introduce species at risk education in ten local school classes.
- Support public outreach efforts.
- Increase species at risk surveying and monitoring.
- Make stream habitat mitigation projects possible.
- Prevent damage in floodplains from all-terrain vehicles (ATVs).



The funding will also make it possible for the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) to work with the people of Port Franks and area to create a community-developed management plan to protect aquatic species at risk there.

If you live in the Ausable River watershed and would like to know how to get involved, contact the ABCA at **519-235-2610** or **1-888-286-2610** or visit **abca.on.ca** or e-mail: **kmonk@abca.on.ca**

You can make a difference by calling now!

"It's not just the big projects, it's also the little things that people do that can really make a difference ..."
– Bill Thirlwall, Denfield-area landowner
who has been planting trees for more than 25 years

A Record of Success

There have been 78 on-the-ground stewardship projects funded in Ausable River and Parkhill Creek watersheds since 2003, through the Government of Canada Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk, improving 5,472 hectares of land. This includes 62 tree planting projects, 14 livestock fencing projects, three wetlands, and 20 manure or conservation tillage equipment modifications.



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