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### **RBC Foundation Donates \$40,000 to Fertile Fields and Clean Streams Program!**

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) is still offering stewardship funding to agricultural landowners for the next two years as part of the “Fertile Fields and Clean Streams” program. This funding has been made possible due to financial support from The W. Garfield Weston Foundation and Environment and Climate Change Canada. RBC Foundation has also joined the list of contributors with a generous donation of \$40,000! It is really exciting to see a breadth of organizations coming on board to help support projects that will improve water quality.

The primary environmental issue that “Fertile Fields and Clean Streams” will address is the diversion and reduction of substances that negatively affect water quality, including: E. coli, sediments, phosphorus and nitrates. This project encourages responsible agricultural practices that will benefit the entire region. Granting options help enable landowners to access resources they need to undertake environmental projects that benefit the health of their soil, water, crops and livestock. This grant can also be combined with other funding options through organizations such as Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) or Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA). Types of projects could include: native seedling plantings, livestock exclusion fencing, clean water diversion and cover crops.

Contact GSCA’s Stewardship Technician today to arrange a time to walk your property, discuss ideas, and develop a project budget. There is very little paperwork involved to receive funding.

Do you have a project in mind, but are not sure if it qualifies for this grant? GSCA wants to hear from you and is always looking to partner with landowners; rural or urban, large acreage or small. Please don’t hesitate to reach out with your ideas, GSCA would be happy to work with you to make them a reality!

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Background:

Our vision is a healthy watershed environment in balance with the needs of society.

Our mission, in partnership with the stakeholders of the watershed, is to promote and undertake sustainable management of renewable natural resources and to provide responsible leadership to enhance biodiversity and environmental awareness.