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Perth County Stewardship Program Spring 2027 Intake Now Open

PERTH COUNTY, ON – The Perth County Stewardship program has opened the application intake for Spring 2027 planting projects. The grant program supports local landowners and community groups in enhancing the natural environment through projects focused on planting windbreaks, block plantings, forest restoration, forest health assessments, and community tree sale events.

The program is popular, so applicants are encouraged to apply early. Those interested are encouraged to review the 2027 Program Guide prior to applying. The guide offers helpful tips and guidance to prepare a successful application. If unsure whether your project qualifies or want to explore potential opportunities, staff are available to discuss your project ideas and provide expert advice tailored to your lands or community initiatives.

Since 2024, the Stewardship Program has had 99 project applications, planted 28,429 trees, and 43 Kilometers of windbreaks across Perth County. The 2027 program offers 4 grant streams:

- **Forest Management Plan Stream** – supporting management strategies of woodlots and woodlands.
- **Living Snow Fence Stream** – supporting rural landowners planning trees in a road-parallel windbreaks.
- **Landowner Tree Planting Stream** – supporting private landowners in tree planting projects.
- **Community Tree Planting Stream** – supporting non-profit community groups with projects on public lands.

For more information, to request a copy of the 2027 Program Guide, or for assistance with your application, please visit www.perthcounty.ca/stewardship or contact: Hannah Cann, Resilience and Stewardship Coordinator at 519-271-0531 ext 420 or by email hcann@perthcounty.ca. The deadline for the spring project intake is January 22, 2027.

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About the Perth County Stewardship Program: Since 2024, the Perth County Stewardship Program has supported 99 grant applications with 28,429 trees planted. These tree planting projects have resulted in over 51 acres of land restored across Perth County.

About Perth County: Perth County is a vibrant upper-tier municipality located in Southwestern, Ontario. This rural region is comprised of 4 lower-tier member municipalities. To learn more information about our programs and services, visit: www.perthcounty.ca

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