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Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 3:45 PM
To: Ontario Community Environment Fund (MOECC)
Subject: Funding available through the Ontario Community Environment Fund to help restore and protect eligible watersheds – Applications Due May 15

Hi there,

I am inviting you to apply for funding through the Ontario Community Environment Fund (OCEF) to fund projects that restore and protect affected watersheds.

OCEF invests money collected from environmental penalties in projects that restore and protect watersheds where a violation or environmental impact happened. This year, \$133,000 is available across nine watersheds throughout the province.

Since 2010, OCEF has invested close to \$1.5 million in 82 projects that improve local watersheds, help fight climate change and protect the health of Ontario's Great Lakes and inland waters.

Not-for-profit organizations, First Nations and Métis communities, municipalities, schools, colleges, universities and conservation authorities have access to these government grants, for local projects in eligible watersheds.

Applicants can use the funding for land and water-based projects, including community based restoration, research, education or outreach and capacity building.

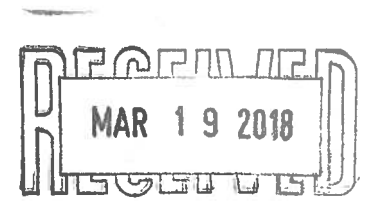
Past projects have successfully restored riverbanks by planting native trees and plants. They have also helped protect the Great Lakes from invasive species, improved fish and wildlife habitat, improved drinking water for First Nation communities, and helped improve air quality to fight climate change in communities across Ontario.

The deadline to submit an application is **May 15, 2018 at 5:00 PM**. It is expected that applicants will be notified of the result by fall, 2018.

For more information please email océf@ontario.ca or call me at 416-314-0067.

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