

# WATER FUND

## 2023 Applicant's Guide



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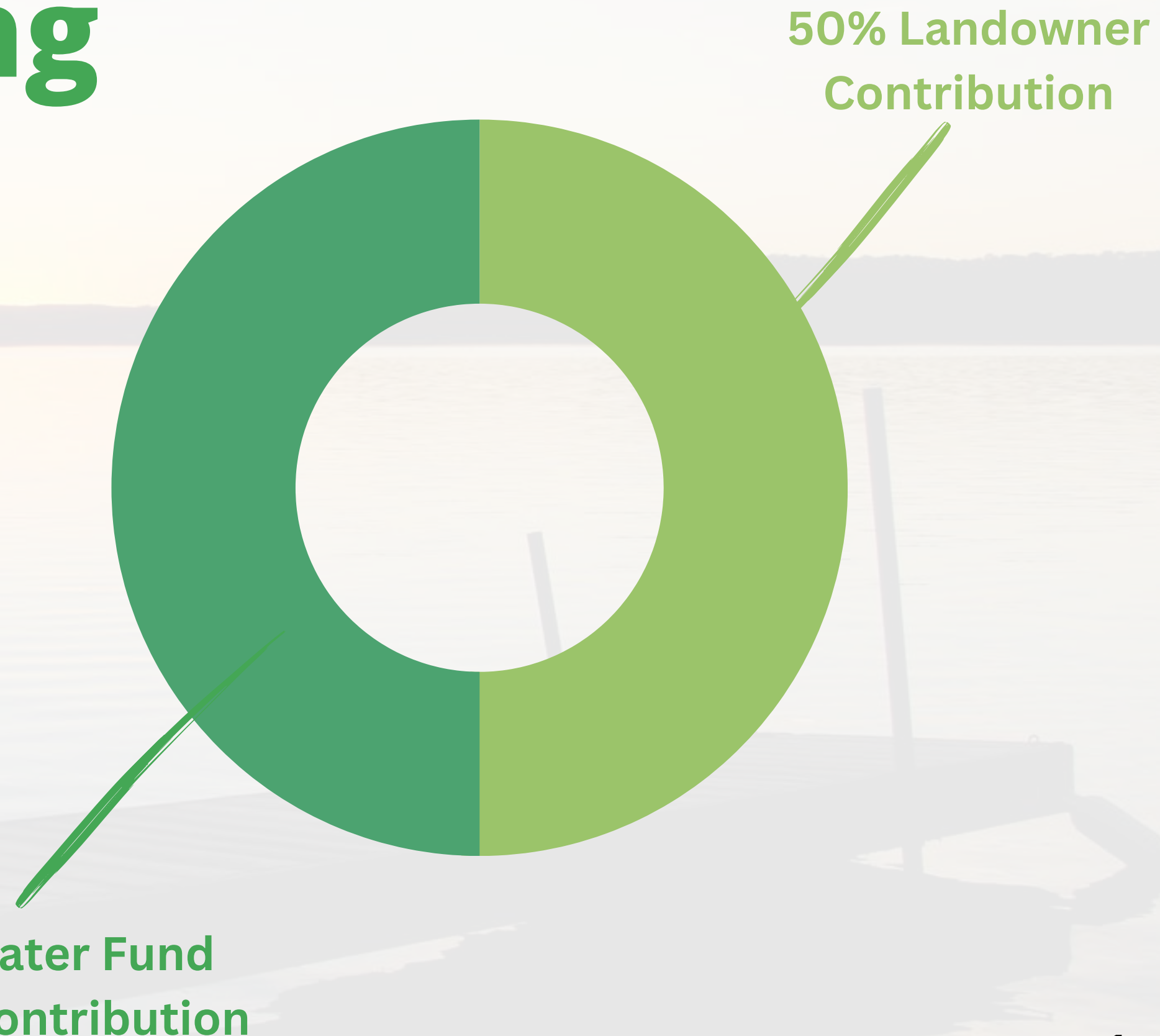


# Available Funding

The Water Fund is a cost-sharing program that supports environmental projects.

Projects may be approved for up to 50% of the total project cost, to a maximum of \$4,000. Approved projects will receive funds after the project is completed and reporting documents are submitted.

*The total project cost excludes HST.*





# Eligibility

## Applicants must be landowners within:

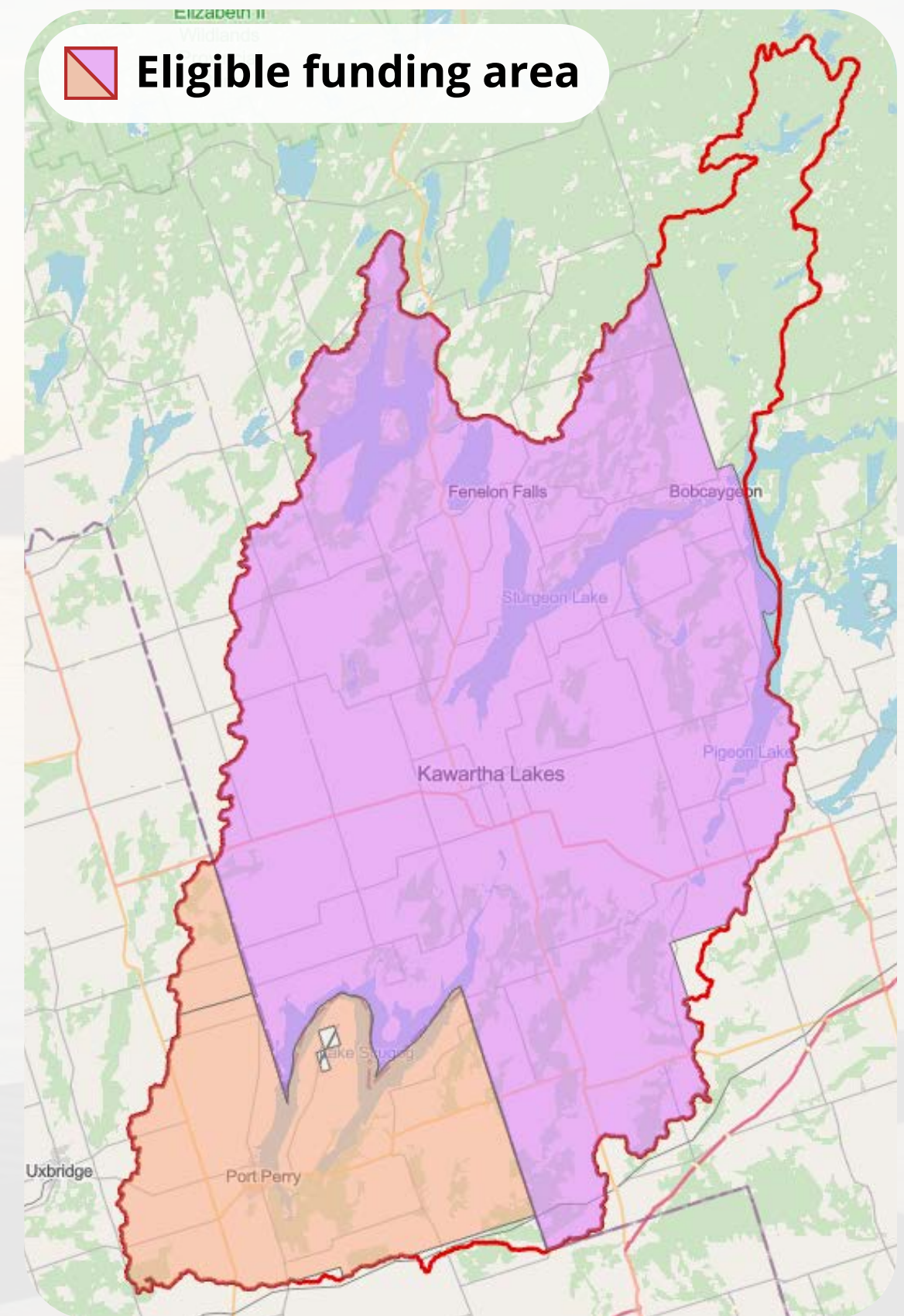
- the Kawartha watershed and City of Kawartha Lakes,
- the Kawartha watershed and Durham Region,
- **OR** an area in City of Kawartha Lakes not covered by another Conservation Authority

## OR community organizations within:

- the Kawartha Watershed and City of Kawartha Lakes,
- **OR** an area in City of Kawartha Lakes not covered by another Conservation Authority

## Priority will be given to:

- Projects near water
- Projects that have the potential to improve water quality or terrestrial or aquatic ecosystems
- First-time applicants





# Ineligible Costs

- Hardened shoreline structures
- Non-native or invasive plant species
- Pond construction
- Private new well construction, well pumps, and water purification or treatment systems
- Purchase of equipment to complete projects
- Stocking of ponds, or stocking of property with game
- Projects that have already begun or been completed
- Other expenses not recommended by the Water Fund Review Committee or approved by Kawartha Conservation
- HST

# AGRICULTURAL

## Project Ideas:

- Water management (eavestroughs, alternate watering systems, tile drain control boxes, livestock exclusion fencing)
- Naturalization (tree, shrub, and native plants)
- Other Best Management Practices (BMPs): cover crops, manure storage, windrows and vegetated buffers, etc.

## Applicant Tips:

- Emphasize the following where possible:
  - proximity to rivers and/or lakes
  - impact on water quality
  - impact on farm operations
- Water and sediment erosion control structures (WASCoBs) must be designed and overseen by a certified engineer or erosion control structure designer following OMAFRA standards





# TREE PLANTING

## Project Ideas:

- Block planting
- Windrow planting
- Other - get in touch with our team!

## Applicant Tips:

- Only native species will be funded
- Ensure you are accounting for an appropriate number of plants by spacing at the following recommended density:
  - Trees: space 1 tree at every 4m<sup>2</sup>
  - Shrubs: space 1 shrub at every 1m<sup>2</sup>



# SEPTIC AND WELL

## Project Ideas:

- Septic upgrades (No new septics or repairs)
- Well upgrades and decommissions (No new wells)

## Applicant Tips:

- **Septic:**
  - Septic projects must be within 100 metres of surface water (lakes and/or rivers)
  - Demonstrate how the technology being implemented in system upgrades is better than existing system (i.e. upgrading a holding tank to a tertiary septic system)
- **Well:**
  - Any proposed work to wells must be completed by a licensed well contractor as per *O. Reg. 903*
  - Well upgrade projects as stipulated in *O. Reg. 903* require a well tag and a well record





# URBAN

## Project Ideas:

- Naturalization (tree, shrub, and native plants)
- Stormwater management methods (raingardens, rain barrels, French drains)
- Other - get in touch with our team!

## Applicant Tips:

- Emphasize the following where possible:
  - proximity to rivers and/or lakes
  - impact on stormwater management
  - impact on local environment and biodiversity





# WATERFRONT

## Project Ideas:

- Naturalization (planting native trees, shrubs, and/or perennials)
- Reinforcement with sloped stone (at a 3:1 slope or gentler)
- Other - get in touch with our team!

## Applicant Tips:

- Emphasize current state of the waterfront and any erosion issues
- 75% of the length of **all erosion control projects** must be planted with native vegetation
- Ensure you are accounting for an appropriate number of plants by spacing at the following recommended density:
  - Trees: space one tree at every 4m<sup>2</sup>
  - Shrubs: space one shrub at every 1m<sup>2</sup>
  - Perennials: space at least 4 perennials per every 1m<sup>2</sup>



# COMMUNITY

## Applicants to the Community Fund Must Be:

- Not-for-profit organizations / registered charities
- Located in the City of Kawartha Lakes

## Applicant Tips:

- Emphasize the following where possible:
  - impact on water quality
  - community education
  - community engagement and/or research
- If the proposed project requires access and/or alteration to public or private land, permission from the landowner must be obtained prior to proposal submission and proof of permission must be attached with the application
- The organization signing officer must submit the application







# APPLICANT'S CHECKLIST

- Estimated costs of materials and supplies
- Estimated contractor fees (attach a professional estimate)
- Estimated number of in-kind hours (unpaid time you and your project partners will spend creating the project)
- Copy of all permits, if required
- Photos of your project site from all directions