

## Whitemud Watershed Temporary Wetland Program

Temporary wetlands located on annual cropland or forage land (Class 1, 2, or 3) may be eligible to receive annual incentive payments based on the average land value.

### You might have Temporary wetlands if:

- Hold water for a time period of under a month after spring thaw, snow melt or heavy rain
- Have a fairly defined basin
- In cultivated fields, a producer is able to crop through temporary wetlands on a dry year but not a wet year

### Producer Responsibilities in Temporary Wetland Program

- Producers are required to sign a 10 year term agreement
- During this term these wetlands are to remain intact, no drainage or filling them in.
- Producers are able to crop through them as they normally would in cultivated fields.

The Whitemud Watershed District envisions a healthy sustainable diverse landscape capable of providing economic, social, and environmental benefits for current and future generations.



## Whitemud Watershed District's Local GROW Program

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### Whitemud Watershed District

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## What is GROW?

Growing Outcomes in Watersheds, or GROW, is a made-in-Manitoba program on working lands that focuses on farming the best, conserving the rest. The program works with farmers to develop projects that work for their operations and maintain or improve local watershed health. The main goals of this program are the following:

### PRIORITY OUTCOMES

- improve watershed resilience to impacts of changing climate
- improve water quality

### CO-BENEFITS

- improve on-farm water management
- enhance sustainable agricultural production
- improve biodiversity and habitat
- carbon sequestration and storage

## Programs Available

GROW Programs	Program Descriptions
Pasture Management Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Projects must demonstrate watershed benefits to surrounding riparian areas or upland pastures</li><li>- 50% of material and supplies for fencing up to maximum of \$2,250/linear mile for interior and \$3,350/linear mile for exterior,</li><li>- 50% for off-site watering systems and well development up to maximum of \$10,000 per landowner</li></ul>
Wildlife Habitat Conservation Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Conserve vulnerable Class 1 or 2 wetlands on annual cropland</li><li>- Conserve woody areas or native grassland at risk of being converted to cropland</li><li>- Sign an agreement to receive yearly payments for 10 years</li><li>- Value of payments is 3% of average land value to a maximum of \$75/acre</li></ul>
Water Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Small dam construction, and other structures and activities for permanent or temporary water retention (such as berms and gated culverts)</li><li>- Cost share is 25% producer and 75% district</li></ul>
Buffer Establishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- GROW can help fund the cost of planting field shelterbelts or multi-species buffer strips</li></ul>
Forage Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- This program is to seed annual cropland into forage.</li><li>- Apply for a maximum of 100 acres and receive \$35/acre</li><li>- Producers are required to sign a 4 year term agreement to keep the land in forage</li></ul>



## New Opportunity for Farmers



Temporary Wetland during fall time

## Want to learn more?

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