

About Manitoba Habitat Conservancy (MHC)

Manitoba Habitat Conservancy (MHC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving, restoring, and enhancing Manitoba's landscapes. MHC works collaboratively with communities across Manitoba. Through voluntary programs and strategic partnerships, MHC ensures that these natural landscapes are conserved for the benefit of people and wildlife alike.

About the Conservation Trust

The \$102 million Conservation Trust was established by the Government of Manitoba to fund activities that promote the conservation of natural resources by creating, conserving, or enhancing natural infrastructure for the benefit of Manitobans. The Conservation Trust is a dedicated fund held by the Winnipeg Foundation, with annual grant revenues managed and disbursed by MHC. The Conservation Trust focuses on providing a broad range of Ecological Goods and Services (EG&S) benefits to Manitobans. The activities supported by The Conservation Trust will achieve the following outcomes: conserve biodiversity, increase production of harvestable wildlife, mitigate floods and droughts, and improve water quality by decreasing nutrients and other pollutants entering waterways. In addition, Trust funded activities will improve climate change mitigation through carbon sequestration and reduction of greenhouse gases, improve soil health, and decrease soil erosion. Projects may also provide other value to Manitobans, such as improve opportunities to connect people to nature.

About the GROW Trust

In March of 2019, Manitoba established the GROW (Growing Outcomes in Watersheds) Trust with a \$52 million endowment to The Winnipeg Foundation. Revenues from the trust are administered by MHC and will be used to support the provincial watersheds-based conservation initiative, GROW. Eligible GROW delivery groups (Watershed Districts) may apply for funding to support activities that improve watershed health and specific activities listed in the Provincial GROW Guide within their GROW application.

About the Wetlands GROW Trust

In 2020, Manitoba established the Wetlands GROW Trust with a \$50 million endowment to The Winnipeg Foundation. The Wetlands GROW Trust is primarily intended to support the protection of critical ephemeral/temporary wetlands. This funding focuses primarily on the conservation of existing ephemeral/temporary wetlands that have not been drained or filled, but may be cultivated from time to time.



2026 Conservation Trust Funded Projects



Organization Name	Proposal Title
Assiniboine Park Conservancy	Enhancing the Manitoba Weed Identification and Native Plant Gardens at Assiniboine College
Assiniboine West Watershed District	LiDAR for Targeted Natural Infrastructure Systems Design in the Shell River Basin
Assiniboine West Watershed District	Improving Manitoba's Community Pasture Rangeland Biodiversity and Health
Association of Manitoba Community Pastures	Integrating Biodiversity into Agricultural Risk Management
Birds Canada – Manitoba Office	Community Conservation Education Series
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society – Manitoba Chapter	Wetland conservation and enhancement in Manitoba to improve duck reproductive success 2025–26
Delta Waterfowl	Increasing the Number of Canadian Hunters through Delta's First Hunt and University Hunting Programs 2025–26
Delta Waterfowl	Improving Watershed Health in Manitoba's Working Landscapes through Habitat Restoration, Retention and Enhancement
Ducks Unlimited Canada	A Prairie for Everyone
East Interlake Watershed District	2026 Regenerative Accelerator: Adoption of Farming Practices to Enhance Manitoba's Natural Infrastructure
Holistic Management Canada	Fish and bird habitat restoration at the mouth of the Winnipeg River
Manitoba Association of Watersheds (MAW)	Amplifying success in grassland restoration and enhancement: connecting extension, agronomy, and incentive programs – Phase 3
Manitoba Beef & Forage Initiatives Inc.	Grassland Enhancement Project 2025
Manitoba Beef Producers	Improving Public Access to Conservation Lands in Rural Municipality of Harrison Park
Manitoba Organic Alliance	Harrison Park Mixed Grass Prairie Pollinator Habitat Restoration
Nature Manitoba	Edwards Creek Bank Stabilization
Redboine Watershed District	Upgrade the Rivers Wetland Centre of Excellence
Regeneration Canada	Seine River Corridor Urban Restoration and Enhancement Initiative - PHASE 2 (2025–2027)



2025 Conservation Trust Funded Projects

RRC Polytech	Accessibility priorities in Connecting People to Nature at FortWhyte Alive
Save Our Seine River Environment Inc.	2025 – Enhancing Grazing Systems to Support Grassland and Wetland Biodiversity
Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District	Enhancing the resiliency of the tall-grass prairie ecosystem in the Interlake and southeastern Manitoba
Souris River Watershed District	Developing a conservation strategy for the rare Interlake alvar ecosystem
Souris River Watershed District	West Interlake Watershed Pollinator Gardens – Interconnection Between Communities and Our Native Pollinators
Nature Conservancy of Canada	Building Resilience: Strategic Fencing and Forage Planting to Protect Biodiversity and Improve Grassland Health
Watersheds Canada	Piloting a “Youth Climate Change Leader” program in Winnipeg
West Interlake Watershed District	Indigenous Perspectives in the Development of Climate Adaptation Strategies in the West Interlake Watershed District