

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 GROW Trust Funded Projects

Organization Name	Proposal Title
Assiniboine West Watershed District	Striving for Watershed Resilience 2026
Central Assiniboine Watershed District	Farming the Best - Conserving the rest within the Central Assiniboine Watershed District - 7
East Interlake Watershed District	EIWD - GROW Trust Spring 2026
Inter-Mountain Watershed District	IMWD GROW Program #6
Kelsey Watershed District	GROWing watershed health in the Kelsey Watershed District
Pembina Valley Watershed District	2026 Pembina Plum Initiative #7
Redboine Watershed District	RBWD GROW Program 2026-2028
Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District	GROWing EG&S in Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District 2026-2028
Souris River Watershed District	Soil and Water Conservation Programming in the Souris River Watershed - GROW 7
Swan Lake Watershed District	Enhancing Swan Lake Watershed Health 2026
West Interlake Watershed District	Building Watershed Resilience: A Sustainable Path 2026
Westlake Watershed District	2026-2028 Westlake Watershed District's Upland Restoration, Wetland Conservation, and Cover Cropping Projects
Whitemud Watershed District	Project F

