

## **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	Creating a Conservation Community: A Pilot Manitoba Community Scientist Certification Program
Assiniboine West Watershed District	Shallow Wetland Analytics
Assiniboine West Watershed District	Dugout Resiliency Program
Association of Manitoba Community Pastures	Community Pasture Stewardship & Enhancement 2026
Birds Canada - Manitoba Office	Marsh Watch - Engaging the Public with Wetland Biodiversity and Prairie Wetland Types - 2026
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - Manitoba Chapter	Igniting Environmental Stewardship Through Outdoor Education and Action
Delta Waterfowl	Increasing the Number of Canadian Hunters through Delta's First Hunt and University Hunting Programs 2026-27
Ducks Unlimited Canada	Habitat Restoration, Conservation and Enhancement to Improve Watershed Health in Manitoba's Working Landscapes
East Interlake Watershed District	Gimli Wetland and Interpretive Centre - Phase 1 - Planning
Holistic Management Canada	2027 Regenerative Accelerator: Adoption of Farming Practices to Enhance Manitoba's Natural Infrastructure
Manitoba Association of Watersheds (MAW)	2026 Manitoba Envirothon
Manitoba Beef & Forage Initiatives Inc.	Amplifying success in grassland restoration and enhancement: connecting extension, agronomy, and incentive programs - Phase 4
Manitoba Beef Producers	Grassland Enhancement Project 2026
Manitoba Organic Alliance	Improving soil stewardship on Manitoba farms 2026
Nature Manitoba	Chimney Swifts: Connecting with Species at Risk in Urban and Natural Spaces
Redboine Watershed District	Surface Water Mapping in the Lower Assiniboine River Watershed



Regeneration Canada	Building the economic and environmental imperatives for transitioning to conservation-forward regenerative agriculture.
RRC Polytech	Environmental Studies and Land Relations Program – Moojigitooodaa Aki
Save Our Seine River Environment Inc.	Seine River Corridor Urban Restoration and Enhancement Initiative – PHASE 3 2026 – 2027 (URE Phase 3)
Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District	Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District Pilot Urban Pollinator Program
Souris River Watershed District	Mapping Drained Wetlands and Estimating Historical Wetland Loss in the Souris Watershed
The Manitoba Burrowing Owl Recovery Program/Souris River Watershed District	Conserving grasslands for Burrowing Owls through education and habitat enhancement
The 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

