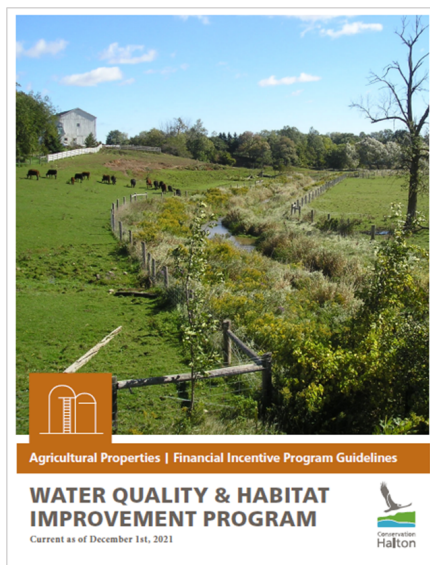


# In the Field

With Conservation Halton

## LANDOWNER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Conservation Halton introduced our revamped Agricultural Guidelines for the Water Quality and Habitat Improvement Program. This document was produced to support landowners in their efforts to care for nature on their properties and protect water quality, while helping to simplify the application process for the financial assistance program.



## SAMPLE PROJECT: Cover Crop

In a multi-year project stewarded by an enthusiastic landowner, a local farm received funding from Conservation Halton to plant a winter cover crop. This protects the soil by reducing erosion and retaining nutrients while adding more organic matter to the field. They planted Nitro Plus cover crops with added sunflowers to enhance soil fertility. As the farm fields drain to Bronte Creek, reducing runoff and keeping nutrients on-site will help protect water quality.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

In 2022, we attended the Halton Plow Match to promote cover crops through an interactive soil infiltration display, and to connect with the local agricultural community. Thanks to this event, we were invited to the Soil and Crop Association AGM in January 2023 to continue these discussions.



Conservation Halton staff with local councilors, mayors, and community members

## UPCOMING IN 2023

We look forward to further engagement with the agricultural community this year.

- Shared information about cover crops and available funding with the Soil and Crop Association
- 3 cover crop projects submitted to the Water Quality and Habitat Improvement Program
- More to come!



## 2022 by the numbers:

- Collaborated with **58** landowners across the watershed
- Completed **7** projects on agricultural properties
- **450** trees, **220** shrubs, and **180** herbaceous plants planted
- **2** wells decommissioned
- **1908 m** of stream rehabilitated
- **1** cover crop project over **40 acres**
- Total investment of **\$50,118** in agricultural projects

*Thank you to Woodbine for supporting projects like these.*

