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Soil Management

Bufferstrips—\$25 per acre seeded to a maximum of 40 acres,
Sediment Barrier—80% CD, to a CD maximum of \$3,000,
Salinity Seed—\$30 per acre seeded to a maximum of 10 acres,
Shelterbelt—Free installation if qualify for PFRA trees,
Gully Erosion Control & Prevention—80% CD, to a CD maximum of \$3,000,
Grassed Runway—80% CD, to a CD maximum of \$3,000 per quarter section.



Water Management

Water Retention—75% CD, with a maximum determined on a case by case basis,
Constructed Wetland—75% CD, with a maximum determined on a case by case basis,
Abandoned Well Sealing—Landowner cost \$125 per well sealed.

Pasture Management

Pasture Pipeline Plow—\$150/day rental fee includes delivery & installation assistance,
Watercourse Fencing—70% CD, with a CD maximum of \$2,000,
Alternative Watering Systems—80%CD, with a CD maximum of \$1,000,
Rotational Grazing Systems—70% CD, with a CD maximum of \$500, interior fencing only.

Community Conservation

Community Naturalization—Funds for the development of nature trails, interpretive signs, tree plantings, etc., project funding will be determined on a case by case basis,
Conservation Education Grants—Funds for local groups to develop environmental education, funding for projects are determined on a case by case basis.

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LA SALLE RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Plans are in the works to establish an Integrated Watershed Management Plan for the La Salle River. A committee to develop this plan has been established, members include Doug Dobrowolski, Marshall Piper, Gordon Ducharme, Leonard Arnal, Owen Williams, Rodney Burns, Roland Rasmusen, Claude Menard and Bill Alford. The first committee meeting is tentatively set for March 7, 2006 in Sanford.

**OAK HAMMOCK MARSH'S
WATERSHED ECO-VAN**



Once again this year, the La Salle Redboine Conservation District will be sponsoring 9 district schools for a half day of programming from Oak Hammock Marsh's Watershed Eco-Van program. This is where

Oak Hammock Marsh staff go into the schools to educate students about various activities that take place within the watershed. They offer a variety of programming to Kindergarten through to Senior 4. Examples of programs include Fall Changes, where students learn through games, videos, and activities how plants and animals prepare for the cold month ahead, for the younger students and Water Chemistry, where students are introduced to watershed health through the use of water testing kits, for the older students.

The nine schools receiving the programming this year are:

- Oak Bluff School,
- St. Eustache School,
- La Verendrye School,
- Wingham Colony School,
- Vermillion Colony School,
- Carman Elementary School,
- James Valley Colony School,
- New Rosedale Colony School, and
- Boyne Valley School (Oak Ridge Colony).



**DO IT YOURSELF—
STREAMBANK REHABILITATION**

An eroding Streambank can cause severe property damage including the loss of buildings, and at the same time contaminate the waterway. The following are "Do-it yourself" tips on how to improve the health of your Streambank as well as the neighbouring waterway.

- Restrict livestock access to the waterway, by fencing your riparian area,
- Create a bufferstrip which runs along side of the natural waterway, to filter out pollutants and contaminants,
- Plant willows and native grasses along waterway as their root systems help to prevent erosion, and
- Maintain the area, try to eliminate the domination of weed species.

It's important to remember that all natural watercourses will meander, so ensure that all buildings and other personal property are a safe distance away from the waterway.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March—Meetings with Municipal Councils
- March 7—La Salle River Integrated Watershed Meeting
- March 9—Board Meeting—Holland
- March 30—Assiniboine SD meeting—Elie
- April 4—Cypress River SD meeting—Holland
- April 5—Upper La Salle SD meeting—Elie
- April 5—Boyne SD meeting—Carman
- April 6—Long Lake SD meeting—Portage

LA SALLE RIVER WIND STORM

In July of 2005, a severe windstorm roared through the La Salle River watershed, damaging several trees and various pieces of property. There was a 7 kms stretch along the La Salle River, just south of Elie, that re-



ceived the most damage. It is estimated that in this stretch there were 1,500 trees that were damaged and now block the river's flows and fish passage. The fallen trees also pose a risk to public and private property and infrastructure. Now there are concerns of flooding due to logs becoming dislodged from the bank and forming a large debris dam downstream.

Currently, LSRBCD is waiting to hear back from various funding and approval agencies before they are able to proceed with this project.



Left: Before



Right: After