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#### **Steps for SIA Projects:**

# 1. Contact:

- The landowner may contact the SWCD or the SWCD may contact the landowner
- The SWCD and landowner will arrange a site visit that is convenient for the landowner

#### 2. Site Visit:

• The site visit will include an explanation of the process, pertinent questions to the landowner and initial photos of the project site

# 3. Application Completion and Submission:

- Once eligibility is determined, SWCD staff will complete and submit an OWEB small grant application asking for coverage of 75% of project costs and the landowner to cover 25% in match (which can be in labor, materials, etc.)
- If no financial assistance is requested, technical assistance can be provided at this point

#### 4. OWEB Review and Determination:

• The OWEB Small Grants Team will review the application on the next review date (grant cycles renew approximately every three months)

### 5. Grant Agreement:

- Upon approval by the OWEB Small Grants Team, a unique grant agreement will be created for the project
- SWCD staff will review the grant application and agreement with the landowner, all
  parties will sign if in agreement, and the documents will be submitted to OWEB for
  final review

#### 6. Final Approval and Implementation:

• Once the project is approved by OWEB, work can begin on the property

#### 7. Monitoring and Review:

- All projects will require a Year-Two Status Report, including the condition and success of the project, as well as project photos
- Any other requirements will be determined by each unique grant agreement

The Small Grant application process is a low-complexity process offered by OWEB. However, the length of the grant process can vary due to the duration and outcomes of each step involved.