Manitoba Non-Point Source Nutrient Retention

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Project Purpose and Overview

- Conservation partners:
 - Ducks Unlimited Canada
 - Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation
- Objectives (2 yrs)
 - Wetland restoration: 40 hectares (100 ac)
 - Wetland retention: 432 hectares (1,070 ac)
- Budget
 - LWBP: \$ 400,000
 - Match: \$800,000







Project Results

Wetland Restoration

53 hectares (131 ac)

P-seq = 4.02 kg/ha/yr

N-seq = 15.17 kg/ha/yr









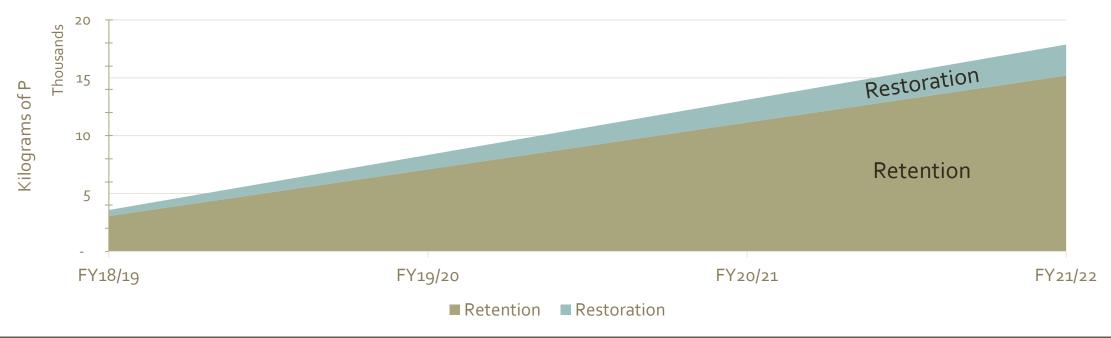
Project Results

Wetland Retention

354 hectares (875 ac)







Phosphorus Sequestration

Estimates based on Padiou, P.; B. Page and L. Boychuk (2017). <u>Wetland restoration program: Estimates of water storage capacity and nutrient mitigation potential</u>. Final Report for Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Fund, 30 pp.

Project Discussion

- Delivery Challenges
 - Engaging grain/oilseed producers is hard
 - Public benefit, Private cost
 - Want to hold water in a convenient place
 - Limited concern around Lake Winnipeg
 - (Perception) City of Winnipeg pollutes way more
 - Time constraints (funding, licencing, negotiating)
- Delivery Opportunities
 - Engaging with beef producers
 - Conservation farming approach
 - New provincial wetland policies
 - Marketing to local concerns

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