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Nutrient Mitigation in Norfolk

Thinking about a
Nutrient Mitigation Project?

The Norfolk Mitigation Fund offers **grants and repayable loans** to reduce phosphorus and nitrogen levels in the Wensum, Bure, and Yare catchments. This supports much-needed housing and helps restore river conditions through nutrient neutrality.

Who can apply?

To qualify for funding, your project must:

- Be based or applied within the Wensum, Bure, or Yare catchments (**Wensum and Broads Nutrient Neutrality Catchment Map**).
- Aim to reduce phosphorus and nitrogen outputs.
- Involve diversifying your operation (temporarily or permanently).
- Require specialist advice or capital funding.
- Not already receive government support for the proposed activity.

What Projects Qualify?

Here are some examples:

Crop changes: Planting low-fertiliser crops or those that absorb nutrients.

Fertiliser reduction: Applying less or switching to alternatives.

Riparian buffers: Installing or expanding natural buffers near waterways.

Livestock changes: Reducing or ceasing livestock levels.

Septic tank upgrades: Modernising or combining multiple systems.

Nature-based solutions: Creating wetlands or similar ecosystems.

Business adaptations: Installing new equipment or changing operations.

Case studies are also on our website

Where can the fund help?

Feasibility Support: If you have an idea but need scientific advice or funding to explore it further, a grant could help.

Loan Funding: If you have a project ready to go but need funding to make it a reality, a loan could be the solution.

Important to Note:

- Your project must be **new or in progress** – the Fund cannot purchase credits from completed work.
- Projects generating biodiversity net gain credits may also qualify for nutrient credits.

About the fund

Run by five Norfolk Councils, the Fund launched in May 2024. By October 2024, it has already awarded £6.2m in loans and £277k in grants.

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