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INTRODUCTION

FOREWORD

This directory of WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP IN ALBERTA has been designed to begin a process to meet the needs of individuals, stewardship groups, and support agencies (including all levels of government, non-governmental organizations, and industry). From recent workshops, surveys, and consultations, community-based stewards indicated a need to be better connected with other stewards doing similar work and with supporting agencies. They need better access to information, technical assistance, funding sources, and training in recruiting and keeping volunteers. Some groups said they felt isolated and did not have a clear sense that the work they were doing was important and appreciated by society.

A number of steps have occurred recently that are beginning to address some of these concerns. The Alberta Stewardship Network, for example, has been established to better connect stewards to each other and to support agencies. Collaboration with other provincial and national networks (e.g. Canada’s Stewardship Communities Network) is occurring on an ongoing basis. Internet-based information sites, such as the Stewardship Canada Portal (www.stewardshipcanada.ca), are being established to provide sources of information, linkages to key organizations, and newsletters featuring success stories and progress being made by grassroots stewards. These sites are being connected provincially and nationally to keep people informed with activities across Canada.

The focus of this directory is on watershed stewardship groups working in Alberta. The term ‘watershed’ is inclusive of all stewardship activities occurring on the landscape, be they water, air, land, or biodiversity-based. We define a watershed as an area of land, bounded by topographic features, that drains water to a shared destination such as a lake, stream, estuary, or ocean. Another important feature of the directory was to move beyond simply obtaining contact information about a group or organization, and including a profile that captures who they are, what they do, and where they work. This was included to provide users of the directory information to facilitate locating groups with similar projects or objectives.

The directory has been formatted on a watershed basis in Alberta, listing organizations in each of the seven major basins. Where group activities span more than one watershed they are cross-referenced within the watershed section or listed by the major sectors, such as: provincial or federal government, provincial or national non-governmental organizations (NGOs), Aboriginal and First Nations, or private sector. An alphabetical index at the end of the directory will assist readers who are not sure where to find a particular group. This directory has been a project funded by Alberta Environment and was conducted by the Alberta Stewardship Network with contractual obligations being met by the Interim Secretariat, the Land Stewardship Centre of Canada.

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This directory should not be considered as a complete work. Rather, it is only a snapshot in time of the stewardship groups that we were able to locate during the course of this project. This directory should be considered a work-in-progress, as we discovered new groups just starting and others disbanding during the study period. In addition, it was sometimes difficult to determine whether a particular group had a stewardship mandate or not from the information provided. This was particularly difficult in terms of separating stewardship objectives from advocacy roles, both of which are important and needed to meet environmental goals. In this respect, we included organizations that were more ‘hands on’ in terms of stewardship activities or supportive roles.

We sincerely hope that sponsors will be found to update the directory in the future and therefore, request your continued input by sending us information on groups that may have been missed, newly formed groups, or ones that have ceased activities. A blank profile form for your use is available at the end of the directory. In addition, discussions are underway to make the directory available electronically in the near future. Please send any new additions or revisions to:

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1. HAY AND BUFFALO RIVER WATERSHED

1.1. REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP GROUPS

At the time of printing we did not make contact with any local stewardship groups active in the Hay and Buffalo River area. If you know of any active in this region please send their contact information to us (see the beginning of this directory for our contact information).

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2. **PEACE AND SLAVE RIVER WATERSHED**

### 2.1. REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP GROUPS

#### 2.1.1. Central Peace Conservation Society (CPCS)

**Who We Are**

**Mission:**
- To evaluate potentially beneficial agricultural practices within Birch Hills County, Saddle Hills County and M.D. of Spirit River.
- To encourage the adoption of those practices that are proven to have performed under local conditions.

**What We Do**
The Central Peace Conservation Society (CPCS) wants to reduce the impact that producers have on our soil, water and air resources and to show producers management practices that will allow their farming operations to prosper in the 21st century.

**Where We Work**
To meet our goals, CPCS does most of the research work on a local level. This gives CPCS the ability to focus our research programs on what will work in our region. However, our extension work encompasses a wider region. We work in the Peace River region of Northern Alberta within the County of Birch Hills, the County of Saddle Hills, and the MD of Spirit River, No. 133.

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### 2.1.2. Charlie Lake Conservation Society

**Who We Are**

**Type of group:** Registered society

**Mission:**
To promote conservation efforts for Charlie Lake and its watershed by providing a forum for gathering, sharing and coordinating information for the purpose of developing a comprehensive management plan that will protect, preserve, enhance and support conservation efforts for Charlie Lake and its watershed to the benefit of all.

**What We Do**
- Spring clean up around the lake
- Tree seedling distribution
- Lakeshore living public awareness
- Water quality monitoring
- Bioengineering demonstration projects
- Shoreline assessments
- Watershed assessment and long-term conservation strategic planning
- Oil and Gas sector site erosion assessment project

**Where We Work**

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### 2.1.3. Heart River Watershed Stewardship Group

**Who We Are**

**Type of group:** Informal group.

**What We Do**
- Encourage collaboration among area residents, scientists, agricultural producers, government, industry, special interest groups and the general public.
- Through implementation of various management strategies, this group will strive to identify problems and implement corrective actions in order
to restore and enhance the Heart River watershed area. This enhancement and restoration will be carried out while keeping in mind the social and economic needs of the community.

- Sampling programs for Heart River and its tributaries, looking at indicators of water quality, specifically at nutrients, bacteria and pesticides
- Program outreach with area residents, scientists, agricultural producers, government, industry, special interest groups and the general public

**Where We Work**
In three municipal districts: Northern Sunrise, Smokey River, and Big Lakes, all of which reside in the Heart River Watershed

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### 2.1.4. North Peace Applied Research Association (NPARA)

**Who We Are**

**Type of group:** Registered society

**Mission:**
We promote soil and water conservation, agriculture production, marketing and technology transfer in the Peace country through applied research that is determined by our farmer Board of Directors.

**What We Do**
The North Peace Applied Research Association (NPARA):
- Administrers and works directly with the Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture (AES) program
- Promotes economic development
- Conducts research on livestock, crops and medicinal plants

**Where We Work**
Municipal districts of Northern Lights
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### 3. Athabasca River Watershed

#### 3.1. Regional Stewardship Groups

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Who We Are
An intermunicipal cooperative group involving the Summer Villages of Baptiste Lake, Island Lake, and Skeleton Lake, with support from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

What We Do
Our primary interest is in lake stewardship and watershed management to improve and enhance our lake environments. We accomplish this by public education and monitoring water quality.

Where We Work
Baptiste Lake, Island Lake, Skeleton Lake. Athabasca River Basin.

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**3.1.2. Crooked Creek Conservancy Society of Athabasca (CCCSA)**

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society

Mission:
Committed to Nature conservation, preservation, and recreation via:
- Nature awareness, appreciation, and conservation education on private and public lands
- Programmes promoting landowner/manager protection, stewardship and biodiversity restoration

What We Do
Public, school and agency nature education programmes
Watershed/riparian stewardship workshops, conferences
Research and survey ecosystem biodiversity: biophysical inventories, bird and butterfly counts
Host field study programmes, flora and fauna interpretive programmes, nature film festivals
Conservation easement and ecogift education and holding
Intervene and contribute to government land use hearings and zoning applications etc
Establish natural areas, parks and watershed protected areas
Cooperate and communicate regionally, provincially and nationally with other individuals and agencies involved with land and watershed stewardship

Where We Work
Athabasca River Watershed in the Athabasca County and surrounding bioregion. We are concerned with wetlands, ponds, lakes, streams and rivers feeding the larger Athabasca River basin.

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**3.1.3. Healthy Lake Project (Lac la Biche)**

Who We Are
Type of group: Informal group

Mission:
To have an economically and socially prosperous community that is in balance with the needs of a healthy and functional Lac La Biche lake and watershed.

What We Do
Our focus has been educational. There is an abundance of watershed/riparian protection information available and our focus has been to be the channel for that information to the population at large.

Where We Work
Athabasca River watershed, Lac La Biche basin. The area of interest for the Healthy Lake Project is Lac La Biche and its surrounding lakeshore communities.

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**3.1.4. Jasper Environmental Association (JEA)**

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society

Mission:
To support Parks Canada in administering Jasper National Park in accordance with Canadian legislation, Parks Canada principles and policies and the wishes of the Canadian public.

What We Do
- Inform the public and Environmental Non-Government Organizations (ENGOs) of national park issues on the Jasper Environmental Association (JEA) website and in various articles
- Critique environmental assessments on proposed national park developments as part of required public input
- Lobby government leaders on national park issues

Where We Work
Athabasca River watershed
Jasper National Park

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3.1.5. Lac La Biche Fisheries Enhancement Group

Who We Are
Type of group: Informal group of concerned community members
Mission: Enhance and maintain the fisheries industry in Northeastern Alberta.

What We Do
Projects undertaken in the last few years include: Lac La Biche Causeway rehabilitation, restocking depleted fisheries and development of Alexander Hamilton Children Trout Pond.

Where We Work
Athabasca River watershed, Lac La Biche basin. Northeastern Alberta.

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3.1.6. Lac La Biche Watershed Steering Committee

Who We Are
Type of group: Informal group formed under municipal bylaw in 2002, comprised of a variety of community groups.
Mission: To develop a working community involved watershed/riparian management module to improve water quality, quantity, and biodiversity by reducing riparian degradation and encouraging healthy and responsible land use practices for future generations.

What We Do
Projects that have been undertaken in the last three years include: several public feedback surveys, riparian health assessments and inventories, land use ground truthing and water quality sampling.

Where We Work
Athabasca River watershed, Lac La Biche basin. Lac La Biche and area, primarily within Lakeland County

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3.1.7. Lac La Nonne Enhancement and Protection Association (LEPA) 

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society
Mission: To protect the area (watershed) around Lac La Nonne.

What We Do
The Lac La Nonne Enhancement and Protection Association (LEPA) activities include:
- Water testing
- Demonstration sites
- Raise funds for rural Crime Watch and funds to help support ourselves.

Where We Work
Athabasca River watershed, Lac La Nonne basin. The area around Lac La Nonne in the Counties of Barrhead and Lac Ste. Anne.

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3.1.8. Lac La Nonne Watershed Stewardship Society (LWSS)

Who We Are
Type of group: We have applied for registration as a Non-Profit Registered Society.
Mission: The Lac La Nonne Watershed Stewardship Society (LWSS) exists for the purpose of improving, enhancing, and protecting the watershed health for all watershed inhabitants, present and future, by and through:
- Education
- Leading by example
- Practical, sustainable solutions
- Utilizing scientific data for solutions/decisions
- Partnership and broad based community involvement

What We Do
Current projects:
- LWSS has partnered with the Lac La Nonne Enhancement and Protection Association to conduct a stream water sampling project in (2004, 2005) and to implement an off-site livestock watering project. Cows and Fish assisted in conducting a riparian assessment.
- State of the Watershed Initiative (2004): Plan on writing a “living report” on the state of the watershed using historical data, present day data and future data. The initial focus will be the development of a report to provide local residents with a clear understanding of the historic and current conditions of the watershed, to give insight into the many issues and opportunities throughout the watershed, and serve as a benchmark against which the effectiveness of future stewardship activities can be assessed. It is hoped the report will become the foundation for future decision-making by all stakeholders in the Lac La Nonne Watershed.

Future projects:
- Farm Water Watch Program: (with Alberta Fish and Game Association) the LWSS hopes to install a Farm Water Watch Program with ~10 agricultural producers in 2005.
- Water Watchdog Program: for the grade five class at Rich Valley School.

Other Initiatives:
- Assisting the environmental program in the local elementary school; noxious weed pull;
- Beneficial Management Project (BMP): Home Site Assessment through “Living By Water”; upgrading of a sewer system with one stakeholder on the shores of Lac La Nonne; “Cottage Day” educational seminar at Nakamun Lake in 2004; maintained a booth for ½ day at the Rich Valley Agriplex to introduce the group to the region; distributed a series of newsletters to residents of the watershed to explain the group, its objectives and plans.

Where We Work
The Lac La Nonne Watershed encompasses the entire watershed in the greater Lac La Nonne region including Lake Nakamun, Tamarack Lake, Kakina Lake, Lake Majeau and Lac La Nonne and their sub-water basins. This is located in the south western portion of the greater Athabasca River Watershed.

Resources We Have Available
- Networking: The LWSS is working on a continual basis with Alberta Environment (AENV), Cows and Fish (Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society), Agri-Foods Canada (PFRA) and EBA Environmental Consultants, the...
3.1.9. Lesser Slave Lake Bird Observatory

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered non-profit society
Mission: Dedicated to Bird Conservation through research and education

What We Do
- Migration monitoring
- Nocturnal owl surveys, owl banding
- Contract work
- Environmental education
- Stewardship program
- We are planning to open the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation planning to open in fall/winter 2005. The Centre is a research facility with an exhibit area (indoor and outdoor), meeting space, office areas, and the home of the Lesser Slave Lake Bird Observatory and Parks and Protected Areas staff.

Where We Work
Lesser Slave Lake region

Resources We Have Available
- Training
- Information

How to Contact Us
Box 1076
Slave Lake, AB T0G 2A0
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Web: www.lslbo.org

3.1.10. Lesser Slave Lake North Country Community Association

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society

What We Do
- First lentic and lotic riparian assessments completed in the area
- Ongoing riparian project on the Driftpile River

Where We Work
We work in the counties of Parkland, Strathcona, Sturgeon, Westlock, Thorhild, Athabasca, and the MD of Lesser Slave District.

Resources We Have Available
- Meeting facilitation
- Consultation services to farmers

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(Mike Hittinger)

3.1.12. North East Alberta Water Management Coalition Association

Who We Are
Type of group: North East Alberta Water Management Coalition Association under the Societies Act
Mission: To research and look for solutions to water issues in East Central Alberta

What We Do
Currently we are undertaking a water usage survey

Where We Work
East Central Alberta, including Camrose County, Beaver County, County of Two Hills, Lamont County Minburn County Town of Vegreville, M.D. of Bonnyville

Resources We Have Available
We are working with PFRA, and are in the process of collecting relevant literature on the region

How to Contact Us
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Ryley, AB T0B 4A0
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3.1.13. North West Alliance Conservation Initiative

Who We Are
Mission: To increase the profitability of farms through the adoption of Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs)

What We Do
- One-on-one farm calls with producers to encourage and help in BMP adoption
- Host meetings, workshops, and tours highlighting specific BMPs

Where We Work
We work in the counties of Parkland, Strathcona, Sturgeon, Westlock, Thorhild, Athabasca, and the MD of Lesser Slave District.

Resources We Have Available
- Meeting facilitation
- Consultation services to farmers

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3.1.14. Waters Edge Resource Group (WERG)

Who We Are
Waters Edge Resource Group (WERG) is a local resource group working cooperatively with the people in the Counties of Barrhead, Lac Ste. Anne and Westlock. We are linking knowledge with practical application to create awareness of healthy riparian areas – the transition zone between land and water.

Type of group: Informal group

What We Do
- Offer information to individuals requesting it
- We have put on seminars and tours in an effort to connect individuals and groups with ideas that may work for them.
- It is our top priority to encourage cottage owners and farmers to work with respect for each other for the common goal of improving their watersheds.
- We have established a demonstration site for the purpose of tours and demonstrating some suggestions that some landowners might find will work for them.
- We have held lake days to encourage the need to sustain shorelines and seminars to show problems that respective landowners and cottage owners may have in meeting their goals. This is in an effort to have all parties understand each other’s problems.

Where We Work
WERG works within the Counties of Barrhead, Westlock and Lac Ste. Anne.

How to Contact Us
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3.2. Municipal Contacts

3.2.1. Athabasca (County 12)

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3.2.2. Barrhead (County 11)

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3.2.3. Big Lakes (MD)

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3.2.4. Brazeau (County)

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3.2.4.1. Brazeau Healthy Waterways

Who We Are
Type of group: Run through the Agricultural Service Board
Mission: Provide leadership in promoting healthy waterways in Brazeau County’s watershed community through education and cooperation.

What We Do
- Create a positive image of agriculture to the general public through newspaper stories, media, and tours
- Provide incentives to encourage or try alternative watering systems
- Provide information and direction for managing overland flow

Where We Work
Brazeau County

How to Contact Us
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Fax: (780) 420-1016 |
### 4.1. Regional Stewardship Groups

#### 4.1.1. Beaver River Naturalist Society

**Who We Are**
- **Type of group:** Federation of Alberta Naturalist Affiliate Club
- **Mission:** To promote and facilitate local natural history appreciation, education, and nature conservation initiatives

**What We Do**
- Education and citizen science projects: bird surveys and atlas, amphibian monitoring, plant inventories, installation of educational bird feeder stations, nature walks, newspaper articles, etc.
- Conservation initiatives: promotion of local urban wetland conservation and interpretation project; facilitate natural history themes and elements in the development of the area’s Trans-Canada Trail; regional water management planning advisory committee representation, local watershed conservation and land use advocacy

**Where We Work**
Northeastern Alberta, Beaver River/Cold Lake Watershed

**What Resources We Have**
Local natural history knowledge and skills in nature interpretation and education

**How to Contact Us**
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Cold Lake, AB T9M 1G1
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#### 4.1.2. Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA)

**Who We Are**
- **Type of group:** Registered society
- **Mission:** To work together in an ongoing network of communication and information sharing based on trust, honesty, and respect.

**What We Do**
- The Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA) meets and monitors watersheds and airsheds in our area.

**Where We Work**
Beaver/Churchill River and North Saskatchewan watersheds

**How to Contact Us**
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Web: [www.lica.ca](http://www.lica.ca)

#### 4.1.3. Marie Lake Air and Watershed Society

**Who We Are**
- **Type of group:** Registered society
- **Mission:** To protect the air and watershed around Marie Lake.

**What We Do**
- Our main activity to date has been interfacing with the oil companies operating in the Marie Lake Air and Watershed to minimize the short and long term accumulative impact of these activities. We also conduct “Living by Water” awareness programs (see section 12.1.7) for the residents that live around the lake to raise awareness of potential negative impacts.

**Where We Work**
Churchill River watershed, Beaver River basin. Marie Lake sub basin

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#### 4.1.4. Moose Lake Watershed Management Plan

**Who We Are**
- **Mission:** To maintain a healthy and functioning Moose Lake watershed and recognize the importance of living within the capacity of the natural environment as a means of ensuring sustainable recreational and agricultural benefits.

**What We Do**
- Improve water quality in the Moose Lake watershed to pre-development conditions by reducing nutrient and other pollutant loads into waterbodies and improving riparian health throughout the watershed.
- Increase public awareness and engagement of land stewardship activities by knowledge and dialogue exchange on the impacts of land use/development practices and their impacts on water quality and habitat.
- Incorporation of this watershed management plan into Municipal land use bylaws.

**Where We Work**
Churchill River watershed, Beaver River basin. Moose Lake sub basin

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#### 4.1.5. Pelican Narrows Healthy Shoreline Committee

**Who We Are**
- **Type of group:** We are a non-registered group that includes representatives from the Village of Pelican Narrows, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and the Alberta Conservation Association. We are a branch of the Aquatic Resources Sub-committee of

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**Watershed Stewardship in Alberta**
April 2005

Alberta Environment
Alberta Stewardship Network
Land Stewardship Centre of Canada
the Moose Lake Management Plan.

**Mission:**
This committee’s concern is the Moose Lake shoreline health of the Village of Pelican Narrows. Our goal is to increase residents’ awareness and participation regarding shoreline use, so that there is understanding of the impacts of land use and development practices on water quality and habitat.

**What We Do**
- We have established an overview of goals, work done, and future plans of the committee.
- A survey has been created and sent to the 100 lakeshore property owners of the village of Pelican Narrows, with the intent of assessing residents’ knowledge levels, attitudes, and values concerning the shoreline. The responses of the 50 surveys that were returned have been tabulated and will be analyzed. The survey results will be sent to those property owners who have indicated a wish to give feedback as to a plan of action. A village meeting will be held to present the results of the survey and to receive feedback from the shoreline property owners.
- The Pelican Narrows Council has passed a motion in support of our committee. Council will be requested to pass an Environmental Reserve Bylaw. Our plan is to have signs installed that will clearly indicate where the Environmental Reserve adjacent to the shoreline begins.
- Education and Awareness:
  - We have encouraged all shoreline property owners to become involved in achieving our goal, and wish to maintain an open and positive communication with all residents of Pelican Narrows.
  - Our committee will be participating in an Eco Day, which will take place on June 18.
  - Further plans include an awareness and educational village meeting, the establishment of a Newsletter, an Information Display, and a Website.
- We hope to be able to share information and experiences that we have accumulated in assisting other communities in improving their shoreline areas.

**Where We Work**
Churchill River watershed, Beaver River basin, Moose Lake sub basin
Our area of interest is the Moose Lake Shoreline of the Village of Pelican Narrows.

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#### 4.2.3. Lakeland (County)

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**Area:** Counties of Smoky Lake & St. Paul

### 4.2.5. St. Paul (County 19)

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### 4.2.6. Thorhild (County 7)

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5. NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER WATERSHED

5.1. REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP GROUPS

Please note that we have sub-divided the North Saskatchewan River into its respective sub-watersheds and have listed the corresponding regional stewardship groups under the sub-watershed sections below (see Battle River: section 5.3, and Sounding Creek: section 5.5).

5.1.1. Beaverhill Bird Observatory

Who We Are
Type of group: Non-profit charitable organization

Mission/Objectives:
- To promote community interest in birds and the natural world through participation in outdoor activities related to wildlife.
- To promote the preservation and conservation of Canada’s natural heritage with special emphasis on the Beaverhill Lake area.
- To conduct studies of migrant and resident birds and other aspects of natural history, at Beaverhill Lake, in the province of Alberta and elsewhere, and to publish the results.
- To assist the work of amateurs and professional biologists and students who are carrying out compatible observations and research work.
- To engage in educational activities that promote an appreciation for Beaverhill Lake and the natural history of Alberta.
- To cooperate with organizations with similar objectives.

What We Do
- Migration Monitoring
- Monitoring Avian productivity and survivorship program
- Alberta Nocturnal Owl Survey
- Public education and outreach
- Nest monitoring program
- Alberta raptor nestcard project

Where We Work
- Beaverhill Lake Natural Area (songbird and owl research)
- Throughout Alberta (raptor research and educational programs)

Resources We Have Available
- Consulting expertise
- Publications

How to Contact Us
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Web: www.beaverhillbirds.com

5.1.2. Beaverhill Watershed Initiative (BWI)

Who We Are
Type of group: The Beaverhill Watershed Initiative (BWI) is a small, informal group of dedicated individuals, still in the formation and awareness phase that is striving to form a watershed group.

What We Do
- Full color brochure and survey developed in the spring of 2004 that was mailed to all residents within the watershed.
- Information nights
- Upcoming events:
  - Water Quality Monitoring Day (June 2005)
  - School Wetland day (Fall 2005)
  - School Resource Compendium
  - More information nights

Where We Work
We are located in the Counties of Beaver and Lamont, approximately 50 km to the east of Edmonton. The Beaverhill Lake has been placed on the RAMSAR list of Wetlands of International Importance and can be host to over 200,000 ducks, geese, and swans.

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5.1.3. Big Lake Environmental Support Society (BLESS)

Who We Are
Type of group: Non-profit charitable organization

Mission:
Preserving the physical and biological integrity of the Big Lake watershed. The objectives of the Big Lake Environmental Support Society are:

- To protect the physical and biotic integrity of Big Lake, including its banks, marshes and surrounding wetlands, and that portion of the Sturgeon River within the City of St Albert, Alberta, to prevent environmental damage to these areas;
- To ensure the preservation of the character and biological diversity of Big Lake for educational, scientific and research purposes;
- To encourage and promote nature-oriented recreational and educational activities;
- To encourage, foster and develop among its members and the public a recognition of the importance of environmental conservation and responsible management of natural areas, such as Big Lake, with the least possible disruption when used by people, and
- To work with governments at all levels to assist in the proper management of the areas described.

What We Do
- Environmental education programs: summer nature programs, school and youth group presentations
- Stewardship, monitoring, environmental advocacy, lobbying
- Research/Documentation: collect data on breeding bird counts and water levels (e.g. bird studies, riparian studies)
- Work with local municipalities and landowners as part of the Big Lake Management Group to guide lake management planning
- Host festivals
- Run lake cleanup activities
- Publish brochures
- Provide input to consultation processes regarding proposed development around the lake

Where We Work
Big Lake and the surrounding area, including the Big Lake Natural Area (BLNA) and the Sturgeon River. Big Lake is located in the North Saskatchewan Watershed. The Big Lake area includes Parkland and Sturgeon counties, the City of Edmonton and the City of St. Albert.

How to Contact Us
P.O. Box 65053
St. Albert, AB
5.1.4. Bonnie Lake Sustainability Association

Who We Are
Type of group: Unregistered
We are an informal group. We are a group of agricultural producers, seasonal and permanent residents of Bonnie Lake Resort and the Village of Vilna

Vision:
For all stakeholders to understand the benefits of a healthy Bonnie Lake watershed, how their own activities affect the watershed and being active in the voluntary effort to make positive changes in the watershed.

Mission:
To work as a community using the tools and resources available to create awareness that will lead to environmentally sustainable activities and practices in the Bonnie Lake Watershed while maintaining those things which are important to the stakeholders such as economic stability (property values).

What We Do
We are currently inactive, but we have had many accomplishments.

Where We Work
Municipal basin

How to Contact Us
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5.1.5. Devon Watershed Alliance

Who We Are
Type of group: Informal group
We are an informal group of like minded individuals

Mission/Objectives:
Work towards achieving watershed awareness.

What We Do
• Helped to organize a Ducks Unlimited Canada led wetland tour for our Grade 7 students.
• Water Sampling on a local creek.

Where We Work
The Strawberry Creek sub-watershed of the North Saskatchewan River basin

How to Contact Us
Barry Wilson
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5.1.6. Edmonton Naturalization Group

Who We Are
Type of group: Unregistered

Mission/Objectives:
Our objective is to reintroduce the native flora within the City of Edmonton and elsewhere. To do this we invite and educate people to plant native species in their own gardens, school yards, and other public and private spaces.

What We Do
Invasive species control:
• Thistle Patrol cuts or pulls for creeping (Canada) thistles and other non natives, especially noxious weeds, from certain areas of Edmonton's parks
• We are experimenting with caragana control, with the cooperation of the City, in Whitemud Park; also planting willow slips.

Native species plantings:
• We plant native flowers from locally collected seed at the edges of natural areas in lawn which are no longer mowed in the parks
• We have several beds at Edmonton's Old Man Creek Nursery to grow species for and from seed. The surplus plants go to school yards, parks etc
• We are growing plants from seeds collected from two natural areas outside Edmonton for reclamation of those areas, respectively
• We care for Little Mountain Heritage Site
• We salvage plants, and inform others of the opportunity to do so, from areas about to be destroyed; we supply plants for public areas.

Education and public demonstration sites:
• Demonstration Garden of native prairie species at John Janzen Nature Centre; we wrote “Go Wild! With Easy To Grow Prairie Wildflowers And Grasses” which has general growing directions and specific instructions for growing 32 species that are in the Demonstration Garden
• We advise school and community groups on naturalization or how to care for a natural area
• We display and sell “Go Wild!” and the web site

Where We Work
Edmonton and surrounding areas

Resources We Have Available
• Consulting on naturalization
• Certain plants and seeds
• “Go Wild!” and the web site

How to Contact Us
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5.1.7. Edmonton Nature Club

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered

Mission:
For all stakeholders to understand the benefits of a healthy Bonnie Lake Watershed.

Vision:
Vilna, Bonnie Lake Resort and the Village of Vilna

Where We Work
Municipal basin

How to Contact Us
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5.1.8. Fort Saskatchewan Naturalist Society

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered

Mission:
In the early years we were very active in general stewardship issues and activities, but now are focused primarily on the issue of preventing a secondary highway from being built through the middle of Lily Lake

Where We Work
Lily Lake watershed (sub-watershed of the North Saskatchewan River Watershed)

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5.1.9. Friends of Lily Lake

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered

Mission:
We are an informal group

Vision:
For all stakeholders to understand the benefits of a healthy Bonnie Lake Watershed

Where We Work
Lily Lake watershed (sub-watershed of the North Saskatchewan River Watershed)

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5.1.10. Grey Wooded Forage Association

Who We Are
Type of group: Non-profit association. We have a Board of Directors consisting of nine directors and three ex-officio directors. We have an office in Rocky Mountain House, AB, with a staff of two.

Mission:
To create an awareness of the potential and utilization of forages, to act as an information exchange centre, to illustrate production practices, and to seek knowledge and innovations that are environmentally and economically sustainable for the agricultural community.

What We Do
- We have a number of on-going Demonstration Projects where we have planted a variety of forages, and have tried a variety of seeding procedures to show to our members and other producers.
- We have three or four tours during the year in partnership with other forage associations and groups so that the producers can see the plots first-hand.
- We also partner with other groups to host seminars and workshops throughout the year to bring producers together with knowledgeable and informative agricultural speakers. We also try to promote the best products to help producers profit the most from their operations while being environmentally friendly.
- We pride ourselves with being on the leading edge in the field of forage information.

Where We Work
We work in part of the Red Deer River and the North Saskatchewan River watersheds. We have a membership that covers areas in all of western Canada, with the biggest concentration being in west-central Alberta. We circulate a monthly publication, ‘The Blade’, which goes out to all members as well as our partners and cooperators. We also publish a newsletter twice a year, which goes out to approximately 9000 rural mail boxes in west-central Alberta.

How to Contact Us
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5.1.11. Hastings Lakefront Landowners Association

Where We Work
Hastings Lake, Strathcona County, North Saskatchewan River

How to Contact Us
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5.1.12. Iron Creek Watershed Improvement Society (ICWIS)

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society

Mission:
To raise awareness about the importance, health, function of the Iron Creek Watershed, and promote the agricultural, environmental, and financial benefits derived from sustainable management techniques.

What We Do
The following programming was conducted in 2004 with funding from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Stewardship-in-Action program:
- “Pasture Health: Native and Tame” workshop: this event was aimed at educating producers on plant identification and how to conduct pasture health assessments on their pastures.
- “Trees, Wetlands, and Forests Day”: the attendants of this event were grade 5 students from four schools in Flagstaff County. The purpose was to display and celebrate the successes of the year’s projects. Several speakers attended to discuss informative water related topics.
- Water testing: four sites along Iron Creek were tested biweekly for water quality and dissolved oxygen. The results were presented at the 2nd Annual Supper and Information Night.
- Dugout testing: members of the ICWIS volunteered dugouts to be tested for coliforms and fecal coliforms. The results were discussed at the 2nd Annual Supper and Information Night.
- ICWIS survey: this survey was distributed to all residents in Flagstaff County. The purpose was to identify what concerns residents had regarding water. The data will be used in deciding what direction the group wants to go in the future.

Where We Work
Within the Iron Creek Watershed. Iron Creek watershed geographically covers most of Flagstaff County.

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5.1.13. Lake Isle Aquatic Management Society (LIAMS)

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society made up of individuals with an interest in the water quality of Lake Isle

Mission:
Raising a united voice in approaching issues (mainly the vegetative growth) impacting the water quality of Lake Isle

What We Do
We arrange it so that permit processes and evaluation applied to Lake Isle be applied as a whole, not numerous individual areas. The objective and process of one voice on behalf of many has made it much less complicated to have the vegetation removed. Every application for permits must go through a HADD analysis – harmful alteration, disruption, or destruction - of fish habitat with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and another separate process with Alberta Environment. LIAMS, which includes 22 communities and individual landowners, makes a single application on behalf of all its members.
Where We Work
Lake Wabamun (shoreline areas around the lake)

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5.1.14. Lake Matchayan Club
Who We Are
Registered Society made up of cottage owners on Lake Matchayan
Mission:
To be aware of changes that are adversely affecting Lake Matchayan and to share our observations and input with land-use planners in the Lake Matchayan area.
What We Do
• Participate in LakeWatch and LoonWatch programs on the lake
• Monitor lake water levels for the Alberta Environment Monitoring Group
• We have been involved in an initiative to clean-up the site of a C.N. railway sulphur spill
• We have had public meetings with Alberta Environment on the topics of sewage disposal and shoreline restoration for Lake Matchayan
• We participate and give input to discussions concerning development plans in the greater Lake Matchayan area
• We hope to participate in the "Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup" this fall.
Where We Work
Lake Matchayan and the surrounding area, Lac Ste.Anne County
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5.1.15. Lake Wabamun Enhancement and Protection Association (LWEPA)
Who We Are
Type of group:
An Alberta registered society, with approximately 400 members who are permanent residents, cottage owners, recreational lake users, fishers, sailing clubs etc.
Mission:
Our goal in the long term is the protection and enhancement of the Lake Wabamun watershed. We provide a voice for our members who have a long history of love of the lake and protecting it as a recreational resource and habitat for wildlife to be enjoyed now and by future generations
What We Do
• Development proposals: LWEPA monitors all developments that pose a potential detrimental impact on the watershed. We have participated in project reviews, including input to EIAs, filed Statements of Concern on AEPEA approvals, filed appeals to seek binding provisions for improved monitoring, pollution control, water enhancement, and intervened in related EUB hearings.
• Standard Setting, Environmental Management: Active participant in CASA Electricity project to establish revised air emission management regime. Active member of various groups.
• Watershed Planning and Impact Mitigation: Have actively pursued completion of a watershed plan for Lake Wabamun Watershed. Have participated in numerous fora seeking enhanced measures to mitigate water losses and improved water quality.
• Research: Commissioned the 2001 Study of contaminants loading in lake water and sediments (Dr. William Donahue, 2001). Ongoing submissions to government seeking improved monitoring of lake and airshed. Active member of Wabamun Exposure/Health Study Team, established in direct response to recommendation to EUB (studies directed by EUB). Actively sought opportunities for involvement of affected communities.
• Monitoring: Active involvement in monitoring and reporting of air and water quality in Wabamun watershed. Participated in efforts to establish Capital Region Airshed for Wabamun to Edmonton area. Desire to establish community based monitoring program (water levels, water quality, wind patterns, opacity reports, rain gages, wildlife observations etc).
• Outreach: Considerable efforts expended in developing communications channels, working relationship with Parkland County, Paul Band, other local governments including summer villages, other community based organizations and industry in the watershed and airshed.

Where We Work
Lake Wabamun
How to Contact Us
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5.1.16. Lake Wabamun Watch
Who We Are
Registered society
Mission:
The purpose of Lake Wabamun Watch is to coordinate information gathering, monitoring, and sharing that meets the needs of the communities surrounding Lake Wabamun and also fulfills the requirements of condition 4.1.5 in the Wabamun Power Plant Approval.
What We Do
Lake Wabamun Watch has been established to:
• Ensure all stakeholder communities are informed of forecasted environmental changes or monitoring results that could affect their quality of life.
• Ensure a clear and satisfactory means for citizens to have input into decisions that could result in changes to the lake or to their quality of life.
• Ensure TransAlta and Alberta Environment are made aware of concerns that could possibly affect the quality of life in stakeholder communities.
• Ensure that citizens have a satisfactory opportunity for input into decisions about TransAlta’s activities and proposed developments in the Lake Wabamun area.
• Ensure that citizens can audit the environmental monitoring process.

The role of Lake Wabamun Watch is to disseminate accurate and unbiased information about TransAlta’s activities. The executive may raise concerns directly to TransAlta, Alberta Environment, or other agencies (e.g. the regional health authority) if the concern has been supported by the general committee.

Where We Work
Lake Wabamun area, west of Edmonton.
How to Contact Us
Email: askus@wabamunwatch.com.
Web: www.wabamunwatch.com
5.1.17. Legacy Lands Conservation Society

Who We Are
Mission:
To promote alternatives for urban development that conserve the natural features.

What We Do
- Establish and maintain a Land Trust for the City of Edmonton
- Work to currently addressing agricultural conservation for north east Edmonton

Where We Work
Edmonton

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5.1.18. Mewassin Community Action Council

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered Society
Mission:
To protect the greater Mewassin area from the impacts of industrial activity on health, air quality, and water resources.

What We Do
- Working with the Wabamun Area Community Exposure Health Effects Assessment Program to raise public awareness about the health impacts of poor air quality, and to give input into public policy on air emissions.
- Working on issues of groundwater/aquifer withdrawal for mining and electric industry activity
- Working with the Clean Air Strategic Alliance (CASA) on the impacts that air emissions have on the health of humans and animals. We are developing a database of air quality "hot spots" in the province, and we hope to have a toll-free number to provide information on air quality to the public.
- Working with Alberta Environment's Electricity Project Team (EPT) to advise Alberta Environment on the management of air emissions from the electricity sector
- Working with a coalition of non-government organizations in the area to raise awareness of water quality issues in the Sturgeon River

Where We Work
Primarily west of Edmonton, in the

5.1.19. North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) Society

Who We Are
The North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance was formed mainly from two separate initiatives: EPCOR's North Saskatchewan River Basin Group (1997) and Trout Unlimited Canada's (with their funding partners Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration, TransAlta and the City of Edmonton Drainage Services) Watershed Approach to Environmental Responsibility (W.A.T.E.R.) group (1999); in addition, a third group focusing on agricultural impacts on tributary streams was initiating similar activities, concurrently. The groups amalgamated in June 1999 to form the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) in order to increase efficiencies and networks in the watershed. In late 2000, the NSWA became a registered society in Alberta and has since grown to a thriving network.

Projects:
- Canadian Heritage Rivers Project (2002 – ongoing)

Where We Work
We serve the North Saskatchewan River Watershed in Alberta

Resources We Have Available
- Publications
- Resource library
- Member expertise

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5.1.20. North West Alliance Conservation Initiative
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5.1.21. Northwest Voyageurs Canoe and Kayak Club

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5.1.22. Onoway River Valley Conservation Association (ORVCA)

Who We Are
Mission:
To monitor and advocate for the bioregional sustainability of the ancient preglaicial channel known as the Onoway River Valley.

What We Do
- Inform and educate the public and government officials about the importance of the Onoway River aquifer and the potential for irreparable damage by industry.
• Work in a coalition with other stewardship groups in the area to raise awareness of environmental impacts facing the Onoway River
• We gather and disseminate information on a wide range of topics, including legislation relating to environmental impacts on air, land, and water

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5.1.26. Vermilion River Operations Advisory Committee

Who We Are
Type of group: The Vermilion River Operations Advisory Committee is made up of representatives from Alberta Environment, as well as local representatives (e.g. land owners, ag fieldmen, municipal staff) from the each of the eight reaches of the river.

Mission:
To provide Alberta Environment with advice and recommendations regarding the operation and maintenance of Alberta Environment water management projects within the Vermilion River basin.

What We Do
• We provide advice and recommendations on the operations of Alberta Environment water management projects on the Vermilion River that may benefit the local stakeholders.
• Consider and advise on operational changes that may improve the ability of the river to a more natural flow pattern.
• We advise on riparian area management for local landowners with input from groups like Ducks Unlimited Canada, Alberta Conservation Association, AESA and Cows and Fish.

Where We Work
We work in the counties along the Vermilion River: Beaver, Minburn, Two Hills, Vermilion River, and to a lesser extent Flagstaff and Camrose counties. The latter are represented on the committee by the Holden Drainage District.

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5.1.27. Vermilion River Watershed Initiative

Who We Are
We are an informal group of residents and citizens from the counties of Two Hills, Vermilion River, Minburn, and Beaver.

5.1.24. Sandy Lake Restoration Society

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society
Mission: Our mission is to restore and sustain the water quality of Sandy Lake and its watershed through ongoing research, coordination and education. This long term, community-based initiative will result in measurable and visible benefits to the residents, businesses and visitors to the area and will offer a protected habitat to the many species that use this vital watershed.

What We Do
We are working on a “We Can Do” Sandy Lake Riparian Stewardship Program over the next two (2005 – 2006) years. This program includes a riparian inventory to be completed by Cows & Fish, the development of three training/educational sessions along with materials that will be produced/published and a perception and issues survey.

Where We Work
Within the Sandy Lake Watershed

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5.1.25. Smithfield Organization for Life Values & Environment (SOLVE)

Who We Are
Type of group: Non-governmental organization, rural community group.
Mission: To acquire and share knowledge and expertise regarding the innate value of our lands and to promote its protection to nurture the agricultural and rural economic viability.

What We Do
• We are new! Our first project is to protect our area from industrial development of aggregates and draining groundwater & surface water
• Be proactive regarding pesticides & herbicides alternatives
• Workshops - especially for children - about gardening and native plants, water cycle

Where We Work
Within the Smithfield Watershed

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5.1.23. Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin

Who We Are
Type of group: Non profit organization
Mission: To promote watershed sustainability through awareness, linkages, and stewardship

What We Do
• Educational Programs such as Water Watchdog and Click on Climate
• Quarterly Newsletter, the River Current, and Annual Conferences

Where We Work
Our offices are located in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, but we have a mandate to serve the entire Saskatchewan River Basin in three prairie provinces and one state. For this reason, we have board members and partnerships with other groups across the basin.

Resources We Have Available
• Publications
• Education Programs

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5.1.27. Vermilion River Watershed Initiative

Who We Are
We are an informal group of residents and citizens from the counties of Two Hills, Vermilion River, Minburn, and Beaver.
What We Do
- In September 2003 we sent out over 5,000 surveys to residents of counties Two Hills, Vermilion River, and Minbum to establish priorities for the watershed.
- We have sent out resource templates to agencies to find out what resources are available for the actual group members (e.g. tours, demos, speakers, etc.)
- We are planning on producing a display and brochure for the watershed.

Where We Work
Vermilion River Watershed, within the North Saskatchewan River.

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5.1.28. Wagner Natural Area Society

Who We Are
Type of group: We are a registered society and charity.
We are an associate club of the Federation of Alberta Naturalists, members of the Alberta Government (Community Development) Volunteer Stewards of a Protected Area program.

Mission:
Responsible stewardship of the Wagner natural area.

What We Do
- Put on natural history walks and presentations
- Participate in bird and butterfly counts
- Give input on local planning decisions

Where We Work
Provincially. Wagner Bog is located between Spruce Grove and Edmonton.

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5.1.29. West Central Forage Association (WCFA)

Who We Are
Type of group:
Registered non-profit society.

Mission:
To improve the profitability and sustainability of the beef industry in West Central Alberta through the transfer of leading edge forage and beef technology to young producers through demonstration, education and leadership.

What We Do
- Since it was founded in 1978, the primary focus of the organization has been to demonstrate new agricultural technology and production practices, and share this knowledge with the public.
- Conducting extension activities, applied research, and agricultural demonstrations. The results obtained from the research plots and demonstrations, along with current issues of agricultural significance are shared with producers through meetings, training seminars, field tours, the quarterly newsletter Forage Views, and the WCFA Annual Report.
- Work in cooperation with local counties and municipalities, Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, West Central Conservation Group (WCCG) an Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture (AES) funded group, other federal and provincial organizations, and local industry to conduct like minded agriculture and environmentally sustainable activities.
- The WCFA currently has two main program focuses, Crop Diversification, and Grazing Management. Some of the projects we have conducted in the past include demonstrations on Forage Variety, Barley Silage Variety, Forage Longevity, Fall Rye, Orchardgrass, and Riparian Reclamation, to name a few.

Where We Work
The WCFA operates on a municipal basis in the counties of Brazeau, Lac Ste. Anne, Parkland, Woodlands, and Yellowhead.

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5.2. Municipal Contacts

5.2.1. Banff (ID 9)

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5.2.2. Beaver (County)

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Area: Counties of Beaver and Lamont

5.2.3. Brazeau (County)

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5.2.3.1. Brazeau Healthy Waterways

Who We Are
Type of group:
Run through the Agricultural Service Board

Mission:
Provide leadership in promoting healthy waterways in Brazeau County’s watershed community through education and cooperation.

What We Do
- Create a positive image of agriculture to the general public through newspaper stories, media, and tours.
• Provide incentives to encourage or try alternative watering systems
• Provide information and direction for managing overland flow

**Where We Work**
Brazeau County

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5.2.4.1. Camrose, City of

**Who We Are**
Type of group: Municipal Government

**Where We Work**
Camrose, City of

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5.2.4.2. Camrose, City of

**Who We Are**
Type of group: Municipal Government

**Where We Work**
Camrose, City of

**How to Contact Us**
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5.2.5. Edmonton, City of

**What We Do**
• Kids Camrose: Educational Resources and Programs for Schools in our area
• Water Conservation Programs and Initiatives
• Riparian Health Inventory completed in 2004
• Wildlife Stewardship Program

**Where We Work**
Our main focus is the area within the City Limits of the City of Camrose, with some programs and resources completed in conjunction with the County of Camrose.

**How to Contact Us**
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5.2.5.1. Edmonton, City of

**Asset Management & Public Works - Drainage Services**

**Type of group:** Municipal Government Department, sewerage and drainage utility

**Mission:** To be recognized as a leader in environmental management and in the utilization of best practices for service delivery. We are also committed to protecting the North Saskatchewan River and its tributary creeks within Edmonton.

**What We Do**
• Collect and treat wastewater from Edmonton’s residential, commercial, and industrial customers.
• Manage the proper disposal of biosolids resulting from the wastewater treatment process.
• Manage the collection and disposal of storm water runoff.

**Initiatives**
• Waste Management Centre of Excellence: a facility for the research, development and testing of new technologies for wastewater treatment improvement.
• Mill Creek Spill Containment facility: detection and diversion of spilled hydrocarbons.
• Clover Bar Co-composter: biosolids from wastewater treatment plant are used in composting process.
• Nutri-Gold Program: biosolids from the treatment plant are used to enrich farmland within a 40 km radius of the facility.
• Biogas use: wastewater sludge digestion by-product converted into energy to heat the treatment plant.
• Laboratory Services

**Community involvement**
• We participate in Earth Day, Community Awareness Emergency Response Fair participation, Open Houses and school tours at the Gold Bar Plant.
• We support the Yellow Fish Road program (see section 12.1.18). This is a national program that discourages residents from disposing hazardous waste into the storm water sewer system.

**Where We Work**
City of Edmonton

**Resources We Have Available**
• Laboratory Services - ISO Certified Laboratory management, staff knowledge and skill level performing analysis on samples from industrial and commercial sites, and other sources.
• Sewer model: an actual physical scale model of a sewer system that enables the public to see how a sewerage system functions
• Gold Bar Wastewater Treatment Plant (GBWWTP) model enables the public to see how GBWWTP cleans and purifies domestic and industrial wastewater from across the City.
• Tours at the Wastewater treatment plant Centre of Excellence
• Environmental monitoring programs

**How to Contact Us**
The City of Edmonton  
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5.2.5.2. Edmonton, City of:
Office of the Conservation Coordinator

Who We Are
Type of group: Municipal Government
Goals: To coordinate all City of Edmonton activities with respect to natural areas

What We Do
- Acquire natural areas
- Perform environmental assessments
- Develop management plans for conservation
- Developing an integrated conservation plan for the city
- Develop policy for land-use planning within the city
- Natural Areas Advisory Committee

Where We Work
Primarily in the City of Edmonton, with some partnership work in the greater Edmonton area

Resources We Have Available
- Opportunities for citizens to be involved in developing the city’s conservation plan
- Networking with regional stewardship committees
- Children’s environmental education programs
- We are developing a volunteer steward program for the city’s natural areas

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5.2.7. Elk Island (ID 13)

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5.2.8. Jasper (ID 12)

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5.2.9. Lac Ste. Anne (County)

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5.2.10. Lakeland (County)

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5.2.11. Lamont (County)

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5.2.18. Sturgeon (County)

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5.2.19. Thorhild (County 7)

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5.2.20. Two Hills (County 21)

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Two Hills, AB T0B 4K0
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Fax: (780) 657-3504
Email: popowich@thcounty.ab.ca
Web: www.centraleastalberta.com/county/coun tyoftwohills/CofTwoHillsHomepage.html

5.2.21. Vermilion River
(County 24)

How to Contact Us
Kilscoy, AB T0B 2P0
Phone: (780) 846-2244
Fax: (780) 846-2716
Email: county24@telusplanet.net
Web: www.vermilion-river.ab.ca

5.2.22. Westlock (County)

How to Contact Us
10336 - 106 Street
Westlock, AB T7P 2G1
Phone: (780) 349-3346
Fax: (780) 349-2012
Email: info@westlockcounty.com
Web: www.westlockcounty.com

5.2.23. Wetaskiwin (County)

How to Contact Us
Wetaskiwin, AB T9A 2G5
Phone: (780) 352-3321
Fax: (780) 352-3486
Web: www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca

5.2.24. Yellowhead (County)
5.3. REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP GROUPS

5.3.1. Battle Lake Natural Areas Preservation Society

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society
Mission:
To preserve the natural areas of Battle Lake

What We Do
We are currently working with the Synergy Group to address concerns about the effects of oil and gas activity on the Battle Lake area.

Where We Work
Battle Lake

How to Contact Us
David Doze or Ian Heacock
R.R. 1
Westerose, AB  T0C 2V0
Phone: (780) 586-2073 (Ian Heacock)

5.3.2. Battle Lake Watershed Enhancement Association

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society
Mission/goals:
To provide opportunities for improving the environmental health of the battle lake watershed.

What We Do
Participate in Alberta Environment's "water for life" strategy

Where We Work
The greater Battle Lake area, with some focus on regional groundwater source protection

How to Contact Us
Tim Belec
R.R. 1
Westerose, AB  T0C 2V0
Phone: (780) 586-3633
Email: tbelec@telusplanet.net

5.3.3. Battle River Watershed Advisory Group

Who We Are
Type of group: An informal group
Mission:
Our mission statement is being formed. We are a cross-sectoral advisory group for Battle River Watershed Planning Process Phase I, and possibly the precursor to Battle River Watershed Planning and Advisory Council (WPAC)

What We Do
In the early years we were very active in general stewardship issues and activities, but now are focused primarily on the issue of preventing a secondary highway from being built through the middle of Lily Lake

Where We Work
Battle River watershed (sub-watershed of the North Saskatchewan River Watershed)

How to Contact Us
Rhonda King, Alberta Environment
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Red Deer, AB  T4N 6K8
Phone: (403) 340-7195
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5.4. MUNICIPAL CONTACTS

5.4.1. Beaver (County)

How to Contact Us
PO Box 140
Ryley, AB  T0B 4A0
Phone: (780) 663-3730
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Email: cybvrad@telusplanet.net

5.4.2. Camrose (County 22)

See section 5.2.4

How to Contact Us
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5.4.2.1. Camrose, City of

See section 5.2.4.1

How to Contact Us
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5.4.3. Flagstaff (County)

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Fax: (780) 384-3635
Cell: (780) 336-5309
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Area: Counties of Flagstaff & Paintearth
5.4.4. Lacombe (County)
How to Contact Us
RR 3
Lacombe, AB T4L 2N3
Phone: (403) 782-6601
Fax: (403) 782-3820
Email: info@lacombecounty.com
Web: www.lacombecounty.com

5.4.5. Leduc (County)
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Nisku, AB T9E 2X3
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5.4.6. Minburn (County 27)
How to Contact Us
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5.4.7. Paintearth (County 18)
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Area: Counties of Flagstaff & Paintearth

5.4.8. Ponoka (County)
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Fax: (403) 783-6965
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Web: www.ponokacounty.com

5.4.9. Provost (MD 52)
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PO Box 300
Provost, AB T0B 3S0
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Email: md52@telusplanet.net
Web: www.albertafirst.com/profiles/statspack/20696.html

5.4.10. Special Area 4
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Web: www.specialareas.ab.ca

5.4.11. Stettler (County 6)
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Web: www.stettler.net

5.4.12. Vermilion River (County 24)
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Fax: (780) 842-2463
Email: asb@mdwainwright.ca
Area: M.D. of Wainwright

5.4.14. Wetaskiwin (County)
Who We Are
Type of group: Municipal government

What We Do
• Riparian assessments
• Water quality testing
• Best Management Practices (BMPs) with producers in watersheds

Where We Work
Some work in North Saskatchewan Watershed in Leduc County. County boundaries mainly Battle River Watershed.

Resources We Have Available
• Training
• Water quality testing – including some equipment
• Newsletter
• Riparian Assessment training

How to Contact Us
Stephen Majek
Box 6960
Wetaskiwin, AB T9A 2G5
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5.5. REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP GROUPS

At the time of printing we did not make contact with any local stewardship groups active in the Sounding Creek area. If you know of any please send their contact information to us (see the beginning of this directory for our contact information).

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5.6.1. Paintearth (County 18)

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Fax: (780) 384-3635
Cell: (780) 336-5309
Email: kcuss@flagstaff.ab.ca
Area: Counties of Flagstaff & Paintearth

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Fax: (780) 753-6432
Email: md52@telusplanet.net
Web: www.albertafirst.com/profiles/statspack/20696.html

5.6.3. Special Area 2

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Hanna, AB T0J 1P0
Phone: (403) 854-5600
Fax: (403) 854-5527

5.6.4. Special Area 3

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Area: M.D. of Wainwright
6. SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER WATERSHED

6.1. REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP GROUPS

Please note that we have sub-divided the South Saskatchewan River into its respective sub-watersheds and have listed the corresponding regional stewardship groups under the sub-watershed sections below (see Red Deer River: section 6.3; Bow River: section 6.5; and Oldman River: section 6.7).

6.1.1. Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin
See Section 5.1.23

6.2. MUNICIPAL CONTACTS

6.2.1. Cypress (County)
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Email: cypress@cypress.ab.ca
Web: www.cypress.ab.ca

6.2.2. Forty Mile (County 8)
How to Contact Us
PO Box 160
Foremost, AB T0K 0X0
Phone: (403) 867-3530
Fax: (403) 867-2242
Email: fortymil2@fortymile.ab.ca
Web: www.fortymile.ab.ca

6.2.3. Medicine Hat, City of
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Medicine Hat, AB T1A 8E6
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Web: www.medicinehat.ca

6.2.4. Special Area 2
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6.2.5. Taber (MD)
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Web: www.mdtaber.ab.ca
### 6.3. REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP GROUPS

#### 6.3.1. Buffalo Lake Management Team

**Who We Are**
Membership is appointed by the Minister of Alberta Environment

**What We Do**
Provide input and direction for the construction, mitigation and operation of the Pariby Creek, Buffalo Lake Water Management Project.

**Where We Work**
Buffalo Lake, Alberta

**How to Contact Us**
Buffalo Lake Water Management Project
Box 268
Mirror, AB T0B 3C0
Phone: (403) 788-2451
Fax: (403) 275-7764
Email: info@blmt.ca
Web: [www.blmt.ca](http://www.blmt.ca)

#### 6.3.2. Buffalo Lake Naturalist Club

**Who We Are**
We are a group of local people who are interested in natural history, the environment, and its preservation.

*Type of group:* Community group

**Mission:**
The BLNC is one of 12 corporate clubs of the Federation of Alberta Naturalists and has two directors from the membership who sit on the Board of Directors. F.A.N. keeps us all up-to-date on provincial issues and concerns.

**What We Do**
- Participate in studies such as May Species Count, Christmas Birdcount, wildflower survey, Breeding Bird survey
- Take part in owl prows, butterfly and moth surveys, ruffed grouse survey, song bird survey and a host of other activities.
- Enjoy guest speakers and presentations
- Receive the Club newsletter twice a year
- Contribute to the development of the organization

**Where We Work**
Stettler and Buffalo lake area

**How to Contact Us**
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Stettler, AB T0C 2L0
President: Bernice Hafner
Phone: (403) 742-0428
Fax: (403) 742-0441
Email: mfca@telus.net

#### 6.3.3. Butte Action Committee

**Who We Are**
Type of group: Community group

**Mission:**
To protect Alberta fresh water by encouraging sound management and objecting to uses that have a negative impact on our surface water and aquifers

**What We Do**
- Attend and make presentations to public hearings on water use
- Provide advice to landowners adversely affected by resource development
- Encourage water conservation and sound land stewardship

**Where We Work**
West central Alberta, Caroline-Spruceview area. Red Deer Watershed. We address water issues across the province.

**How to Contact Us**
Box 371
Caroline, AB T0M 0M0
Web: [www.waterdropcycle.com](http://www.waterdropcycle.com)

#### 6.3.4. Friends of Sylvan Lake

**Who We Are**
Mission:
To promote responsible and sustainable development within the Sylvan Lake watershed.

**What We Do**
Monitor all 8 municipalities around Sylvan Lake for irresponsible and unsustainable development

**Where We Work**
Municipal basin

**How to Contact Us**
Web: [www.protectsylvanlake.org](http://www.protectsylvanlake.org)

#### 6.3.5. Friends of the Little Red Deer River Society (FLRDRS)

**Who We Are**
Type of group: Registered society

**Mission:**
To enhance the water quality of the Little Red Deer River and its watershed through education and facilitation of management procedures of all stakeholders and users of the river. Stakeholders and users include, but are not limited to: cattle ranchers, hog operations, feedlot operators, farmers, urban sewage treatment plants, acreage and other land owners and recreationalists.

**What We Do**
- Improve the water quality
- Increase awareness of environmentally sustainable practices affecting water quality issues
- Identify, locate and monitor potential problems which are not environmentally sustainable practices
- Develop and adopt a comprehensive plan and to provide technical and financial assistance to enhance environmentally
sustainable practices within the Little Red Deer River and surrounding ecosystem.

Projects:
- Fact sheets
- Demonstration sites
- Signage
- Riparian assessments
- Fish counts
- Public tours
- Ecotechnology project
- Water quality testing

Where We Work
Little Red Deer River Subshed
Red Deer River Watershed

How to Contact Us
Lyle Knopp, President
RR#3
Innisfail, AB  T4G 1T8
Phone: (403) 227-2665

6.3.6. Grey Wooded Forage Association
See section 5.1.10.

6.3.7. Gull Lake Water Quality Management Society

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society
Mission:
To contribute to the preservation of Gull Lake and the area within its watershed as a continuing desirable recreation area and to assist in protecting the water quality of the lake in cooperation with residents of the watershed.

What We Do
- Further inflow streams testing (2005)

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed, Red Deer River basin
Gull Lake sub basin

How to Contact Us
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6.3.8. Kneehill Watershed Advisory Council

Where We Work
Ghostpine creek, Threehills Creek, Kneehills Creek

How to Contact Us
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Fax: (403) 443-5115
Cell: (403) 994-0922
Email: conservation@kneehillcounty.com
Area: County of Kneehill

6.3.9. Medicine River Watershed Society

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society
Mission:
The Medicine River Watershed Society hopes to increase awareness of the importance of the water quality and riparian health in the Medicine River watershed. Along with this, the society wishes to advocate community and industry involvement in protecting and conserving the Medicine River watershed.

What We Do
- Riparian health inventory project in 4 municipalities
- Water quality testing
- Projects such as riparian fencing, run-on control, shelterbelt enhancement
- Field days and workshops to promote stewardship
- Newsletter
- Tours of projects
- Support for Environmental Farm Plan

Where We Work
Medicine River watershed in 4 municipalities
Red Deer River Watershed
Medicine River Subshed

How to Contact Us
Warren Miller, President
Phone: (403) 728-3543

6.3.10. Pine Lake Restoration Society

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society
Mission:
To improve water quality and watershed education in the Pine Lake watershed

What We Do
Education, related runoff projects, and riparian health

Where We Work
Pine Lake Watershed (sub-watershed of the Red Deer River Watershed)

How to Contact Us
Doug Sawyer, Chairman
Box 124
Pine Lake, AB  T0M 1S0
Phone: (403) 886-2525
Fax: (403) 886-5400

6.3.11. Red Deer River Naturalists

Who We Are
Type of group: Charitable organization, registered society
Mission:
To educate and involve communities in responsible stewardship.

What We Do
- Young Naturalists Club
- Habitat stewardship, preservation
- NatureScape Alberta
- Mountain Bluebirds Trails

Where We Work
Red Deer River basin

How to Contact Us
Phone/Fax: (403) 346-8200
Email: rdrn@rttinc.com

6.3.12. Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

Who We Are
Type of group: Presently in the formation stage. Will be registered as a Society this summer (2005)
Mission/Objective:
The Red Deer River Watershed Alliance is an inclusive, collaborative partnership that promotes a healthy watershed to ensure a legacy of ecological integrity and economic sustainability.

Vision
The Red Deer River watershed will be healthy, dynamic, and sustainable through the efforts of the entire community

Goals
• To provide an inclusive forum for the exchange of information and collaborative dialogue for watershed stewardship, conservation and improvement
• To raise awareness on issues impacting the watershed
• To promote the use of best management practices and the integrated management of land and water resources
• To foster the preservation and enhancement of the quality of water supplies and water systems in the watershed
• To champion the wise management of the quantity of water supplies in the watershed.

What We Do
We will be adopting a three year business plan in the near future.

Where We Work
Red Deer River watershed

How to Contact Us
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Rhonda King, Alberta Environment (Red Deer)
Phone: (403) 340-7195

6.3.13. Red-Bow Regional Watershed Alliance

Who We Are
Type of group: Not registered

Mission:
To exchange technical and resource based information on watershed issues and opportunities for the benefit of our members.

What We Do
• Coordinate regional newsletter called "Up the Creek With a Paddle"
• Coordinate and distribute watershed and Best/Beneficial Management Practice (BMP) information
• Host a regional conference every two years

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan Watershed, Red Deer River and Bow River basins
Five counties: Wheatland, Kneehill, Bighorn, Rocky View, and Mountain View

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Calgary Direct: (403) 233-7678
Email: dwight.tannas@mdbighorn.ca
Area M.D. of Bighorn and Red-Bow Alliance

6.3.14. Rocky Riparian Group

Who We Are
Type of group: Not registered

Mission:
The mission of the Society shall be to foster community based stewardship of the Sylvan Lake Watershed.

Where We Work
Sylvan Lake Watershed (sub-watershed of the Red Deer River Watershed)

How to Contact Us
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Sylvan Lake, AB
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Email: ylelanding@aol.com

6.3.15. Sylvan Lake Watershed Stewardship Society (SLWSS)

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society. Currently have about 220 paid up members

Mission:
• The mission of the Society shall be to foster community based stewardship of the Sylvan Lake Watershed.

What We Do
• Respond to lakeside residential developments; public hearings etc.
• Monitor the health of the lake and its ecosystems
• Promote community-based stewardship and awareness

Lake watch: identify/respond to lake threats to protect the lake
• Support science-based studies of the lake
• Sylvan Lake Shoreline Awareness Program: Provide about 1100 lakefront and nearby homes with a copy of “On the Living Edge: Your Guide for Waterfront Living” (Alberta edition)
• Promoting a Sylvan Lake Watershed protection plan
• Development of a website for the SLWSS
• Working with two University of Calgary graduate students on separate studies of the lake
• Participating as a stakeholder in the Joint West Sylvan Lake Area Structure Plan
• Newsletters to all members

Where We Work
Sylvan Lake Watershed (sub-watershed of the Red Deer River Watershed)

How to Contact Us
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6.4. Municipal Contacts

6.4.1. Acadia (MD 34)

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Email: admin@mdacadia.ab.ca
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6.4.2. Banff (ID 9)

How to Contact Us
Municipal Services Branch
17th Floor, 10155 - 102 Street
Edmonton, AB T5J 4L4
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6.4.3. Bighorn (MD 8)

How to Contact Us
PO Box 310
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6.4.4. Camrose (County 22)

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How to Contact Us
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6.4.6. Drumheller, Town of

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Area: Clearwater County & Rocky Mountain House

6.4.7. Kneehill (County)

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Area: County of Kneehill

6.4.8. Lacombe (County)

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Area: Counties of Flagstaff & Paintearth

6.4.9. Mountain View (County)

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Area: Mountain View County

6.4.10. Newell (County 4)

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Area: County of Newell

6.4.11. Paintearth (County 18)

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Area: Counties of Paintearth & Paintarth

6.4.12. Ponoka County

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Area: Mountain View County

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Alberta Stewardship Network
Land Stewardship Centre of Canada
6.4.13. Red Deer (County)

Who We Are
Type of group: Red Deer County Agricultural Department, Sustainable Agriculture Program
Mission: To facilitate the adoption of beneficial management practices among County producers to ensure environmentally sound agricultural operations in Red Deer County.

What We Do
- We give workshop, tours, demonstrations and provide promotional material
- We have a conservation coordinator on staff at Red Deer County to facilitate the sustainable agriculture program at the County, to assist producers with agricultural environmental issues, and to provide technical assistance with projects
- We participate in the local watershed group activities (e.g. Little Red Deer River Initiative)
- Promote BMPs among producers, and provide necessary resources for them

Where We Work
All of Red Deer County and the Medicine River Watershed, Little Red Deer River Watershed, Pine Lake Watershed.

Resources We Have Available
- Conservation Coordinator to work with local watershed groups, organize events, share information
- BMP manuals and other agricultural publications
- Environmental Farm Plan Workshops
- Solar powered off-site watering system to use on trial basis

How to Contact Us
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Area: County of Starland

6.4.15. Rocky View (MD 44)

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6.4.16. Special Area 2

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Area: County of Wheatland

6.4.17. Special Areas 3

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6.4.18. Starland (County)

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Area: County of Starland

6.4.19. Stettler (County 6)

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Area: County of Wheatland

6.4.20. Wheatland (County)

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Area: County of Wheatland

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### 6.5. Regional Stewardship Groups

#### 6.5.1. Ann and Sandy Cross Conservation Area

**Who We Are**
The Ann and Sandy Cross Conservation Area is a 4800-acre day-use nature preserve located 1.6 km south of Calgary. The land was donated by Ann and Sandy Cross for the purposes of habitat protection and conservation education.

**Type of group:** Charitable/Non-Profit Organization

**Mission:**
- To protect habitat and provide space for native species of wildlife
- To offer conservation education programs, particularly for young people, without jeopardizing area wildlife and habitat
- To manage human use of the area through a system of entry by appointment only

**What We Do**
The Cross Conservation Area is dedicated to habitat protection and conservation education. Our current programs and projects are:
- Grassland and Grouse Project: This is an adaptive management action plan for the protection and enhancement of native grassland habitat at the Ann and Sandy Cross Conservation Area (2005-2008). The goal of this project is to protect and enhance biodiversity on the remaining native grassland at the Ann and Sandy Cross Conservation Area.
- Day-long and week-long school programs, including the “Nature Discovery” and the “Open Minds” programs
- We have a thriving volunteer program with over 87 active volunteers

**Where We Work**
Municipal District Foothills No. 31 and the City of Calgary

**Resources We Have Available**
We have a Conservation Information Center that offers brochures and leaflets on issues related to environmental issues faced in the Foothills Area, including water resources literature.

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#### 6.5.2. Bow River Basin Council (BRBC)

**Who We Are**
Type of group: Registered society

**Mission:**
The BRBC is a membership based, non-profit, registered charity dedicated to conducting activities for the improvement and protection of the waters of the Bow River Basin. The Council is working with members and partners to make the Bow River Basin the best managed watershed in the world.

**What We Do**
- Past programs:
  - Urban Stormwater Management Implementation Project ([www.urbanstormwater.ca](http://www.urbanstormwater.ca))
  - Guidebook for Water Management ([www.brbc.ab.ca/pdfs/Guidebook.pdf](http://www.brbc.ab.ca/pdfs/Guidebook.pdf))
  - Protecting Riparian Areas: Creative Approaches to Subdivision Development in the Bow River Basin, 2002 ([www.brbc.ab.ca/pdfs/brp_w.pdf](http://www.brbc.ab.ca/pdfs/brp_w.pdf))
- Present programs:
  - Quarterly Education Forums
  - Bow River Basin Advisory Committee (South Saskatchewan River Basin Water Management Plan)
- Future programs:
  - Facilitate decision making through planning and policy development
  - Promotion of proven Best Management Practices
  - Increased public education and awareness

**Where We Work**
The Bow River Basin covers about 25,000 square kilometers (about the size of Vermont) in southern Alberta.

**What We Do**
- Increased public education and awareness
- Promotion of Best Management Practices
- Facilitate decision making through planning and policy development
- Policy analysis and recommendations

**Where We Work**
South Saskatchewan watershed, Bow River basin

**How to Contact Us**
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#### 6.5.3. Bow Riverkeeper

**Who We Are**
Type of group: Registered society

**Mission:**
To protect and restore the Bow River watershed in order to ensure a clean and sustainable water supply for all living communities that depend on the river now and in the future.

**What We Do**
- Education and outreach, Monitoring, Policy analysis and recommendations
- One of our initiatives is the “Big Bow Float: A Centennial Canoe Voyage” in summer, 2005. This trip will be over 650 kilometres down the entire length of the Bow River, from Bow Glacier to its confluence with the Oldman River. The trip is designed to raise awareness and promote public involvement in the upcoming draft watershed management plan to be released by the Alberta Government in 2005.

**Where We Work**
South Saskatchewan watershed, Bow River basin

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Web: [www.bowriverkeeper.org](http://www.bowriverkeeper.org)
6.5.4. BowKan Birders

Who We Are
"BowKan Birders" is a large informal group of naturalists who are interested in enjoying and protecting our local wildlife.

What We Do
Twice each year, Christmas and the end of May, members fan out in the BowKan Birders designated area and complete a number count of mammal, flowering plant, and bird species and individuals, with emphasis on birds. The main purpose of the information is to build a data bank that can be used for local environmental protection concerns. The data is also forwarded to the Federation of Alberta Naturalists (FAN) where it will ultimately be added to the data of coincident Alberta wide counts.

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6.5.5. Bragg Creek Environmental Coalition (BCEC)

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society
Mission: BCEC is an active group of Bragg Creek area residents who seek to effect positive environmental change in their backyard, particularly the Elbow River watershed.

What We Do
• The group facilitates dialogue between the public, government, and industry on important environmental issues, and prefers pragmatic, constructive engagement to conflict. They attempt to raise public awareness of local environmental issues. They also provide educational programs, and engage in some basic environmental research (e.g. sampling of in-stream water quality).
• Volunteer-based monitoring of quantity and quality of Bragg Creek’s in-stream flows.

Where We Work
Bragg Creek watershed, Elbow River basin. NE Kananaskis Country.

How to Contact Us
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Bragg Creek, AB T0L 0K0

6.5.6. Calgary Field Naturalists’ Society

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered not-for-profit organization
Mission/Objectives: To encourage the appreciation, observation, study, conservation and protection of all components of the natural world

What We Do
Society objectives
• To promote and assist in the preservation of native habitat and of natural features
• To provide publications and educational opportunities for the membership and the public
• To promote the collection of natural history observations for statistical and educational purposes
• To engage in any activity ancillary to the achievement of the above objectives

Projects
• We produce a monthly newsletter
• Monthly general meetings feature audiovisual presentations and lectures by natural history specialists. Topics range from bats to birds to quasars and nature preserves. Meetings are held monthly, September through June. Non-members are invited to attend to learn more about the Society.
• A number of study groups with specialized interests meet on a regular basis and conduct various surveys and competitions throughout the year. These include groups interested in birds, botany, entomology, and butterflies. Other groups monitor natural areas in Calgary and the surrounding area and proposed development affecting natural areas.
• Throughout the year, field trips are organized by the Society and led by knowledgeable and local naturalists. Members prowl for owls in February, admire orchids on the summer solstice, and take bus trips to more distant natural areas.
• CFNS has published a number of natural history books, including guides to natural areas of the city.
• We are involved in the preservation of city natural areas

Where We Work
Greater Calgary area

Web: http://cfns.fanweb.ca

6.5.7. Calgary Zoological Society

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society and not-for-profit organization

What We Do
• Offers educational programs that link people and communities to nature
• Purchases, receives or monitors land for habitat
• Undertakes research related to wildlife/fish and/or habitat
• Provides monitoring, restoration or caretaking activities for nature
• Reintroduce Canadian endangered species to the wild

Where We Work
Primarily Southern Alberta

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Web: www.calgaryzoo.com

6.5.8. Cochrane Branches and Banks Environmental Foundation

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society
Mission: The Foundation seeks to promote environmental stewardship and community spirit in the Town of Cochrane through the planting of trees and environmental enhancement activities within the community.

What We Do
The Branches and Banks Foundation is a registered non-profit society dedicated to organizing an annual tree plant and waterway clean-up held in Cochrane in mid-spring. The event is a family event, teaching young
participants the benefits of volunteering and protecting the environment. This is an opportunity for everyone to contribute to the wellness of the community, now and in the future. Approximately 23,000 trees planted in Cochrane by an estimated 2300+ volunteers since the inception (in 1996) of this community project.

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan Watershed, Bow River basin. Cochrane sub watershed and streams including Big Hill Creek, Jumping Pound Creek, and a small portion of the Bow River.

How to Contact Us
20 West Copithorne Pl.
Cochrane AB T4C 1J3
Phone: (403) 851-0562

6.5.9. Cochrane Environmental Action Committee (CEAC)

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society
Mission:
• CEAC is striving to make Cochrane and area residents a more environmentally aware and active community.

What We Do
Objectives
• To enhance awareness and educate about our inter-relationships with the natural world and the impact of our lifestyle choices on the health of the community and the Earth’s ecosystems
• To identify and undertake the projects that encourage environmental responsibility and a sense of community
• To increase our effectiveness through partnerships and cooperation within local and global communities
• To encourage participation and foster hope in the challenge of ensuring an environmentally sustainable future

Projects
• Cochrane Farmer’s Market
• Weekly newspaper column on environmental facts and tips
• Naturescaping initiatives and workshops
• Chair Brownfield Development Committee to oversee remedial action plan for contaminated site
• Drive Green Emission Testing Clinic
• Presentations to Council and staff on environmental issues

Where We Work
S. Saskatchewan River Watershed, Bow River basin. Cochrane and area watersheds and streams

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6.5.10. Crowfoot Creek Watershed Group

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6.5.11. Elbow River Watershed Partnership (ERWP)

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society
Vision:
Working together for ample clean water for the benefit of all.
Mission:
We support and encourage all stakeholders in the Elbow River watershed to protect and enhance water quality and quantity.
Goals:
• Individuals and communities take responsibility to protect and enhance water quality and quantity in the Elbow River Watershed
• Encourage the use of new technologies for water conservation
• Encourage best water management and land use practices
• Cooperation, coordination and knowledge-sharing among stakeholders
• Minimize the negative impacts of land uses on water quality and quantity
• Increase awareness and understanding of the watershed

Projects
• Meet with members regularly and encourage the participation of new members

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed, Bow River basin
Elbow River sub basin

How to Contact Us
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6.5.12. Farmers of the Elbow Watershed (FEW)

Who We Are
We are an informal association.

What We Do
The Farmers of the Elbow Watershed (FEW) work to promote agricultural methods that protect the historic ecology of the Elbow River through environmental audits, educational tours, habit enhancement programs, and constructive dialogue.

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed, Bow River basin
Elbow River sub basin from Bragg Creek to the Calgary city limits

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6.5.13. Foothills Land Trust (FLT)

Who We Are
Type of group: Incorporated in Alberta in 2003
Mission:
The FLT is a non-political not-for-profit organization that facilitates the conservation of environmentally sensitive lands in the M.D. of Foothills.

What We Do
Projects
• Maintain website, write articles, publish newsletters, and give presentations about relevant watershed issues
• Help members promote water conservation programs
• Attend provincial conferences/workshops/events for watershed groups
• Participate in river clean-up activities
• Act on the recommendations of the 2004 water quality report "Impacts on Water Quality in the Upper Elbow River"

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed, Bow River basin
Elbow River sub basin

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What We Do
Past activities:
• Process of incorporation, review of other land trust easement documents

Present activities:
• Finalization of our Conservation Easement document

Future activities:
• A pilot partnership

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan watershed, Bow River Basin
Municipal District of Foothills

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6.5.14. Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society
Mission: We work to help protect, preserve, and enhance the diverse natural and human heritage found in Fish Creek Provincial Park.

What We Do
Whether through education or volunteering, the Friends help bring community residents, local businesses, educators, government staff, and other non-profit groups together in helping our beloved park. At the same time, we foster care and respect for a natural area that is an integral part of life in Calgary.

Programs and Services:
• The Friends provide opportunities for public participation through:
  • Stewardship: Park Watch Stewardship Program, Wildlife Monitoring Programs
  • Resource Management: Trail Care, Park Clean-up
  • Education: Speaker series, Environmental Learning Programs

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed, Bow River basin
Fish Creek Provincial Park

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6.5.15. Ghost River Watershed Alliance Society

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society
Mission: We are a long term partnership of stakeholders which, through respect and understanding, share responsibility in maintaining a healthy and sustainable ecosystem and watershed in the Ghost-Waiparous region.

What We Do
• Organize events to raise public awareness and to illustrate present use and present threat to our watershed (e.g. Cows and Fish Education Day on Riparian Health, Environmental Stewardship Walk in Forest Reserve, permanent information displays on Forest and Riparian Health, “Walks in the Watershed”)
• Monitor water quality status and use of the area
• Carry out restoration and rehabilitation projects; planning a demonstration reclamation project in the watershed in the Forest Reserve
• Initiated GPS inventory of springs
• Meet with local industry
• Meet with Sustainable Resource Development regarding a Ghost Access Management Plan

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed, Bow River basin,
Ghost River, South Ghost River, and Waiparous Creek sub basins

How to Contact Us
Email: redcougar@telusplanet.net

6.5.16. Nose Creek Watershed Partnership

Who We Are
Type of group: Informal group
Mission: To protect riparian areas and improve water quality in the Nose/West Nose Creek watershed.

Where We Work
We are focused on preparing a Water Management Plan.

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan watershed, Bow River basin, Nose Creek sub basin north of Calgary

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6.5.17. Parks Foundation, Calgary

Who We Are
A not-for-profit organization created in 1985, we have spent the past 20 years as a catalyst in the creation of over $100 million worth of parks and natural areas throughout the city

Type of group: Not-for-profit organization
Mission: Enhancing the quality of life of all Calgarians through the development of parks, preservation of river valleys, and support of amateur sport.

What We Do
• Amateur Sport Grant Program
• Calgary Weir Improvement Project
• Haultain School & Park Restoration Project
• Greening a Great City Campaign
• Bench Dedication Program
• Wetlands Conservation Initiatives through the Wetland Committee:
  o Committee was formed in 2001 to promote wetland conservation in the greater Calgary area
  o Played a role in the formation of the City of Calgary’s “Wetlands Conservation Plan”
  o Have produced a documentary about wetlands (2004)
  o Have made a wetlands display at the Calgary airport (2004)

Where We Work
City of Calgary

Resources We Have Available
• See resources under River Valleys Committee (RVC) (section 6.5.19)
• Wetlands Committee:
  o Wetlands Publication – Wetlands at Work for You (2003) – 4-page brochure explaining the values of
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issues relating to Calgary’s watershed outside the city for significant regional We work within the City of Calgary and work within the City of Calgary.

Where We Work

What We Do

Policy, planning, and development review: We participate in the development of appropriate policies and plans, evaluation of development proposals, review of land and water uses and management practices, and promote interaction/integration among all orders of government and their departments/agencies.

Edu-Action: Education, awareness, and action to promote good stewardship and adoption of best practices (among the public, community groups, planners, developers and all orders of government)

Special projects that protect, preserve, acquire, reclaim or establish key river basin assets and/or divert inappropriate uses to other locations

Where We Work

We work within the City of Calgary and outside the city for significant regional issues relating to Calgary’s watershed or water quality.

Resources We Have Available

Network with government (federal, provincial, municipal)

Giving input into numerous projects & processes

Advice/guidance on water-related planning and development issues in Calgary

How to Contact Us

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Web: http://www.parksfdn.com/abcalasnpfc/doc.nsf/doc/river_index.cm

6.5.19. River Valleys Committee (RVC)

Who We Are

Type of group: We are an independent, volunteer-driven organization, operating under the Parks Foundation, Calgary. The Parks Foundation, Calgary is an Alberta corporation.

Mission: The RVC champions the environmental, heritage, aesthetic, social and economic values of Calgary’s rivers, river valleys and wetlands, and creates opportunities for Calgarians to engage in related stewardship activities.

What We Do

Resources We Have Available

Advice/guidance on water-related planning and development issues in Calgary

Giving input into numerous projects & processes

Advice/guidance on water-related planning and development issues in Calgary

How to Contact Us

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6.5.20. Rosebud River Watershed Partners

Where We Work

Rosebud River Watershed, Bow River Basin.

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Also see Waters of Wheatland Committee, section 6.5.31.

6.5.21. Sheep River Valley Preservation Society

Who We Are

Mission: A society with a mission of conservation and education concerning natural resources along the Sheep River valley. Formerly the Sheep River Land Trust.

What We Do

We have acquired land, established conservation easements, and engaged in educational activities. Examples are: MacLeod Trail Heritage Lands Project; Big Rock Site Management.

Where We Work

South Saskatchewan River watershed, Bow River basin

Sheep River sub basin

How to Contact Us

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6.5.22. Siksika First Nation

See section 8.1.1.

6.5.23. Southern Alberta Land Trust Society (SALTS)

Who We Are

Type of group: Non-profit society

Mission: To conserve and protect the ecosystem, watershed and stewardship of the Eastern Slopes native grassland of Southwest Alberta

What We Do

Education

Land conservation easements

Support scientific research related to our goals

Where We Work

Native grassland of the eastern slopes in southwest Alberta

Resources We Have Available

Education materials

How to Contact Us

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6.5.24. Springbank Community Planning Association

Who We Are

Type of group: Registered Alberta non-profit society

Mission/Objectives: (SCPA) is a forum for residents to work together on planning issues that affect our Springbank community.

What We Do

SCPA was established in 2000 in order to respond to the proposed Central Springbank Area Structure Plan (ASP) and other planning issues. SCPA provides input on planning issues to the MD of Rocky View, the City of Calgary, the Alberta government, elected representatives and others (such as individual developers). SCPA volunteers are active on a number of issues:

Watershed Stewardship in Alberta

Alberta Environment
Alberta Stewardship Network
Land Stewardship Centre of Canada
• Annexation: City of Calgary proposal to annex parts of Springbank
• Water/wastewater infrastructure
• Development: various concepts plans for residential and commercial development (within Central and North Springbank ASPs)
• Transportation: e.g. Hwy 8 twinning, City ring road/Stoney Trail, Hwy 1 upgrades, and local roads
• Impact of development on the environment (river valleys, wildlife corridors, native plants, wetlands, open space)
• Impact of fragmentation and subdivision on agricultural land
• Impact of development on community services e.g. schools, recreation, emergency response services
• Impact of development on property values and taxes
• Rural versus urban residential density

We worked with Springbank residents to respond to the MD of Rocky View on the draft Central Springbank ASP in 2000 and to make many changes and improvements that the majority of the community wanted. The ASP was adopted in 2001.

Where We Work
Springbank (i.e. roughly from the Bow River in the north, Calgary City limits to the east, the Elbow River to the south, and Hwy 22 to the west). The “heart” of Springbank is along Springbank Road.

Resources We Have Available
A diversity of highly qualified residents lend their professional expertise to our group when we need it.

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6.5.25. Stanley Park to Glenmore Dam Preservation Society (“S2G”)

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society
Mission: To preserve, enhance and protect the natural history and environment of the Elbow River Valley and contiguous bench lands from Glenmore Dam to Stanley Park.

What We Do
Current projects:
• The Society organizes and/or participates in park clean-ups (especially dog feces)
• The Annual Pathway and River Clean-up held in Calgary every May
• Bird and plant walks with the Calgary Field Naturalists
• Public education and relations, reviews development permits with respect to Calgary land use bylaw 19.1
• Invasive species control or eradication by hand.

Future projects:
• School education programs
• Rebirth of a natural riverine habitat
• Water quality improvement
• Permanent ban on the use of pesticides
• Reclamation of the river bank by restricting dog access to the river
• Rehabilitation of a creek in the north end of River Park

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed, Bow River basin, Elbow River sub basin. The area encompasses a riverine habitat and green space along the lower Elbow River within the City of Calgary from the Glenmore Dam to Stanley Park.

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6.5.26. Sustainable Calgary Society

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society and charitable organization
Mission: To promote, encourage, and support community-level actions and initiatives that move Calgary toward a sustainable future.

What We Do
• Calgary State of Our City Indicator Reporting
• Calgary Green Map
• Ecological Footprint Research and Education

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed, Bow River basin. City of Calgary.

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6.5.27. Tri Community Watershed Initiative

Who We Are
Type of group: We are a partnership between the towns of Black Diamond, Turner Valley, and Okotoks.

Mission: The towns of Black Diamond, Turner Valley, and Okotoks share the belief that water is an integral part of the communities. The towns have formed a Tri Community Watershed Initiative to help manage their shared water resources.

What We Do
Tri Community Watershed Initiative activities include:
• Changing municipal policies
• Writing municipal water and river valley management plans
• Working with partners
• Hosting community events
• Engaging media
• Assisting residents in water conservation efforts
• Influencing Watershed Behaviours initiative: A 2-year project initiated by the Tri Community Watershed Initiative and Bow River Basin Council to protect the Sheep River watershed. There are five main themes:
  o Integrated pest management (e.g. reduce pesticide use)
  o River valley land management and protection
  o Water conservation (e.g. replacement of residential water meters, distribution of residential water conservation kits, water-efficient demonstration sites)
  o Capacity building
  o Shared tools and resources

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan watershed, Bow River basin, Sheep River sub basin Municipalities of Black Diamond, Turner Valley, and Okotoks.

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Watershed Stewardship in Alberta
April 2005

Alberta Environment
Alberta Stewardship Network
Land Stewardship Centre of Canada
6.5.28. Turner Valley Gas Plant Committee for a Safe Historic Site

Who We Are
Type of group: Ad hoc committee
Mission: Our goals are to find information regarding the testing and clean-up that still needs to be done and report this to both the local government and the provincial government in hopes that both these levels of government will then take the necessary action to ensure the complete safety of the community. In addition, to determine what, if any, toxins are entering the Sheep River from the Gas Plant.

What We Do
We are currently researching the situation so we have a better understanding of what is going on with this site, and we are trying to get a firm commitment from the government for the full reclamation of the site. We want it to be safe for visitors who visit the site or swim and recreate in the Sheep River, communities down stream that use the Sheep River for Drinking Water, and for the flora and fauna.

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed, Bow River basin, Sheep River sub basin. Sheep River at the Gas Plant Site

How to Contact Us
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6.5.29. Weaselhead / Glenmore Park Preservation Society

Who We Are
Type of group: Ad hoc committee
Mission: We were officially incorporated on June 20, 1994 as a non-profit society in the Province of Alberta.

What We Do
Weaselhead Society Programs and Initiatives:
- Curriculum-based education programs for Calgary students in grades 4 through 9 on a variety of environmental topics (e.g. wetlands, ecosystems, water)
- An extensive summer day camp program for Calgary kids to learn about nature and conservation and about the importance of protecting our water supply.
- Volunteer-based park maintenance programs for: the removal of trash and pet feces that would otherwise end up in our drinking water reservoir; and for the eradication of invasive plants that threaten the ecological integrity of the Elbow River Valley
- Ecotourism program
- Outreach program that assists other Elbow River Valley stakeholders to get established and find supporters in their efforts to protect and preserve the valley.
- Public education outreach program: Society volunteers staff information booths at such public education and awareness events (e.g. Mayor’s Environmental Expo, Oakridge Community Association Annual Stampede Breakfast, Harry Hays (Government of Canada) Environmental Expo, Lakeview Days, Calgary Annual Tower Climb, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Run for Wildlife)
- Non-profit website that serves the Weaselhead Natural Environment Area as well as all parks and natural areas in Alberta by allowing users to report the varieties of wildlife they see in their yards, communities, parks and natural areas.
- Online encyclopedia of more than 400 species of animals and plants found in Weaselhead – and in most other areas of western Canada – that includes text, audio, video, and still images.
- A small but growing adult education program that seeks to create awareness of the national historical significance of the Weaselhead area as a First and Second World War training facility.

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed, Bow River basin

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6.5.30. Western Sky Land Trust Society

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society
Mission: The Western Sky Land Trust Society champions the establishment and conservation of integrated open or natural areas principally within the boundaries of Calgary, Municipal District of Rocky View, and Municipal District of Foothills.

What We Do
- The Western Sky Land Trust Society will:
  o Accept donations, voluntary transfers of land, and conservation easements
  o Champion exemplary open space management and conservation practices
  o Conserve and nurture its assets from an ecological perspective
  o Enhance opportunities for hamlets, villages, & towns to conserve open space
  o Achieve the land trust vision through collaborative planning and partnerships with all orders of government, citizens, corporations, existing land trusts, & other organizations

Where We Work
The Western Sky Land Trust Society will:
- Municipal District of Foothills.
- Municipal District of Rocky View.
- Municipal District of Foothills

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Watershed Stewardship in Alberta
April 2005

Alberta Environment
Alberta Stewardship Network
Land Stewardship Centre of Canada
6.5.31. Wheatland County AESA Program: Waters of Wheatland, Wheatland County Range Management Project

Who We Are

Type of group:
Subcommittees of the Wheatland County Ag. Services Board. These subcommittees are comprised of residents, agricultural producers, and Wheatland County councillors.

Mission:
Waters of Wheatland
- To promote the environmental sustainability of water through information, demonstration, and community participation, and to proactively assess the health of the water and work with the local producers, partners, and residents towards the adoption of practices that help preserve water quality and quantity.

What We Do
- Promote Best Management Practices (BMP) activity through development of BMP demonstration sites.
- Creation and distribution of a quarterly newsletter and regular newspaper articles.
- Host a number of workshops including Environmental Farm Plan (EFP), Pasture Health Assessment, Riparian Health Assessment, Sustainable Farming practices, Sustainable Grazing strategies, Water protection and conservation, and Regional water conference in partnership with Red-Bow Regional Watershed Alliance.
- Conduct water quality monitoring and reporting for major water systems located within the county.
- Provide tools and information for the producers wanting to make changes to their operations.
- Carry out various surveys and evaluations to determine needs of residents and to measure changes in the attitudes and practice.

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed, Bow River Basin, Wheatland County.

Work is carried out within Wheatland County but we do participate with surrounding areas and groups and have a formal partnership called the Red-Bow Regional Watershed Alliance (see section 6.3.13) which includes: M.D. of Rocky View, M.D. of Bighorn, Mountain View County, Kneehill County, and Red Deer County.

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6.6. MUNICIPAL CONTACTS

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6.6.2. Bighorn (MD 8)

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Area: M.D. of Bighorn and Red-Bow Alliance

6.6.3. Calgary, City of

Who We Are
City of Calgary Waterworks and Wastewater, Laboratory Services, Watershed Monitoring Section

Type of group:
Municipal government

Mission:
The city of Calgary Waterworks and Wastewater unit (Laboratory Services) provides professional monitoring, analytical, and reporting services through its commitment to quality, timeliness, and reliable results, while ensuring staff and customer satisfaction.

What We Do
The Watershed Monitoring Section is responsible for implementing a comprehensive water quality monitoring program for the assessment of physical, chemical, and biological characteristics of surface waters in the Calgary region. Responsibilities include:
- Planning and conducting long-term monitoring and investigative programs in the Bow and Elbow River watersheds to characterize aquatic resources and identify trends over time
- Identify existing or emerging water quality concerns
- Provide sound data for the development and implementation of watershed management plans
- Establish linkages with government agencies, stakeholder groups, and the public to collaborate and promote awareness of watershed issues

Where We Work
Bow and Elbow River watersheds in the Calgary region

Resources We Have Available
- Water sampling for water quality assessment in rivers, stream and reservoirs
- Three CAEAL-accredited water quality laboratories serving internal clients of Waterworks and Wastewater
- Extensive coverage of water-quality parameters: routine physical/chemistry, nutrients, major ions, metals, organic compounds (volatile/extractable), microbial organisms (bacterial/ protozoan parasites), phytoplankton

How to Contact Us
Watershed Monitoring Section
City of Calgary Waterworks and Wastewater
Laboratory Services (Mail Code 35B)
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6.6.4. Cypress (County)

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6.6.5. Foothills (MD 31)

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6.6.7. Newell (County 4)

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6.6.8. Rocky View (MD 44)

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Area: County of Wheatland

6.6.9. Taber (MD)

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6.6.10. Vulcan (County)

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Area: Vulcan County

6.6.11. Wheatland (County)

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Area: County of Wheatland
6.7. REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP GROUPS

6.7.1. Beaver Creek Watershed Group

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Area: MDs of Pincher Creek, Ranchland and Willow Creek

6.7.2. Beehive Conservation Natural Area

Who We Are
Type of group: Part of the Alberta Wilderness Association (see section 10.1.11).

What We Do
We hike through the Beehive (26 sq km) annually and report our observations. We also lead an Alberta Wilderness Association hike.

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed, Oldman River headwaters

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6.7.3. Bobcreek Wildland Watershed Group

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered not-for-profit organization.

Mission:
To slow down the natural succession, maintain and improve the riparian and range ecosystems within the Bobcreek Wildland Watershed.

What We Do
• Offstream watering projects
• Riparian fencing
• Riparian health assessments
• Wildlife exclosures
• Public awareness education.

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan Watershed, Oldman River Basin, Bobcreek Wildland Watershed (Whalesback)

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6.7.4. Castle-Crown Wilderness Coalition

Who We Are
Registered society

Mission:
The Castle-Crown Wilderness Coalition exists solely to promote health of the wilderness in the Castle area. Our goal is the establishment, restoration, maintenance and environmental protection of the Castle Wilderness as a viable wilderness within the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem.

What We Do
• Advocating for protection

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed, Oldman River Basin, Castle River subbasin

6.7.5. Chaffen Creek Watershed Group

Who We Are
We are an informal group

What We Do
As my wife and I are the only year round resident landowners, it is difficult to coordinate with the absentee cattle grazers. We have been active in Cows and Fish and have used our land for demonstration sites. There has been some interest from neighbors but very limited.

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed, Oldman River basin. Chaffen Creek is in the M.D. of Ranchlands west of Highway #22. It is a tributary of the Willow Creek-Oldman River system.

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6.7.6. Crowsnest Conservation Society

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered non-profit society

Mission:
To protect, preserve and nurture natural spaces, wilderness, and health and well-being of animals, plants, and humans

What We Do
• We work together with other groups, government agencies, and business in the area and encourage thoughtful stewardship and environmentally conscious practices.

• Our projects include developing an intercommunity walking trail, recycling, protecting our Y to Y wildlife corridors (see section 12.1.20), producing a monthly newsletter

• We give input to government consultation processes (e.g. Hwy 3 expansion, Fire smart, recreation corridors, access management, recycling, etc.)

• We have a birding project that began in Dec. 2002 with funding from Alberta EcoTrust. Our goals were to produce a birding brochure/checklist, develop an education/promotion campaign, and conduct a birding.

What We Do
• We have a birding project that began in Dec. 2002 with funding from Alberta EcoTrust. Our goals were to produce a birding brochure/checklist, develop an education/promotion campaign, and conduct a birding.

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed, Oldman River Basin, Castle River subbasin

How to Contact Us
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6.7.6. Crowsnest Conservation Society

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered non-profit society

Mission:
To protect, preserve and nurture natural spaces, wilderness, and health and well-being of animals, plants, and humans

What We Do
• We work together with other groups, government agencies, and business in the area and encourage thoughtful stewardship and environmentally conscious practices.

• Our projects include developing an intercommunity walking trail, recycling, protecting our Y to Y wildlife corridors (see section 12.1.20), producing a monthly newsletter

• We give input to government consultation processes (e.g. Hwy 3 expansion, Fire smart, recreation corridors, access management, recycling, etc.)

• We have a birding project that began in Dec. 2002 with funding from Alberta EcoTrust. Our goals were to produce a birding brochure/checklist, develop an education/promotion campaign, and conduct a birding.
Where We Work
In the Crowsnest Pass area of southwest Alberta

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6.7.7. Cypress County Watershed Group

Who We Are
Type of group: Informal organization
Mission: We are an informal organization of producers working to promote farming and grazing practices that reduce agriculture’s impact on water quality.

What We Do
- Demonstrations may include off-stream watering projects, fencing of creeks or rivers, containment of feedlot runoff and/or run-on, manure management, wildlife habitat development, riparian health assessments. New project ideas are welcome.
- Past projects have included a water quality demonstration project – a solar and wind power winter watering system as an alternative to direct watering cooperators Franz Land and Cattle Co., Ltd., and a riparian improvement project in 2002 cooperators George Ehret.
- Future projects are open to ideas. Discussions in January 2005 suggested potential interest in pursuing a project for feedlot run-off/run-on diversion.

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed, Oldman River sub basin. Seven Persons Creek sub basin. Cypress County

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6.7.8. Drywood Creek Watershed Group

Who We Are
Type of group: Informal group
Mission: We are a group of approximately 14 landowners who are in the early stages of organizing.

What We Do
We hope to be organized and have projects and plans in place by fall 2005.

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan watershed, Oldman River basin, Waterton River sub basin. Bow/Crow Forestry and the M.D. of Pincher Creek.

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6.7.9. Lower Mosquito Creek Water Users Association

Who We Are
We have a much larger scope than a single watershed group. Our association will not continue as some of us have moved into the expansion of the permanent Highwood Management Plan (HMP). Through the HMP, continued monitoring, implementation of recommendations will benefit all the basin watersheds that include Lower Mosquito Creek.

Type of group: Registered society
Mission: Our original mission was to address agricultural non-point source pollution and water quality. We accomplished an improvement of approximately 75% in water quality (see AENV, Al Sosiak 1999 Water Quality Little Bow and Mosquito Creek). We currently educate public and agricultural producer and work with Government on the Highwood Diversion/Management Plan.

What We Do
- Completed Cows and Fish total stream inventory
- Implemented profile and study sites
- Worked directly on Highwood Diversion/Management Plan Phase I, Public Advisory Committee 1999 to present, and served on several sub-committees and permanent Management Committee; this was a Joint venture stemming from the CEAA/NRCB Little Bow Project.
- The Highwood Phase II is about to be started.
- We took the Town of Nanton through the Alberta Environment Appeals Process to challenge the town’s wastewater treatment license renewal and were successful in forcing the Town to upgrade their wastewater treatment facility.

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed, Oldman River sub basin. Lower Mosquito Creek runs south from the Town of Nanton to the new Twin Valley Reservoir. There are approximately 65 km of creek in the M.D. of Willow Creek. The Highwood Diversion/Management Plan includes the Highwood, Mosquito Creek and little Bow Basins in Phase I and will expand into the surrounding basins in Phase II.

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6.7.10. Lyndon Creek Conservation Group

Who We Are
Type of group: Informal. We are a group of ranchers that live in the Lyndon Creek watershed.

Mission: To increase producer and public knowledge of the benefits of riparian health and to conserve and improve and maintain the riparian ecosystems and habitat within the Lyndon Creek Watershed through management initiatives.

What We Do
We have done several projects to improve off stream water to lessen the impact on the creek:
- Wind fences have been purchased to keep livestock out of the riparian areas.
- Fencing projects have been completed to limit creek access.
- We plan to line off-stream water storage to try and prevent seepage.
- Had range inventories done to try and improve pasture for better utilization.
- This summer we will have a riparian assessment done on the creek.
- We also plan to use a solar pump to provide off-stream water.
Where We Work
Lyndon Creek Watershed, Oldman River Basin.

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6.7.11. Middle Little Bow River Watershed Group

Who We Are
Type of group: We are an informal group
Mission: To protect and improve the Little Bow River.
What We Do
Offstream watering, water quality monitoring

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed, Oldman River sub basin. Vulcan County

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6.7.12. Oldman Watershed Council

Who We Are
Type of group: Not-for-profit organization
Mission: The Oldman Watershed Council seeks to maintain and improve the Oldman River Watershed through partnerships, knowledge, and the implementation and integration of sustainable water management and land use practices.
Goals
- Provide responsible information and input into water management planning activities that reflects the needs of stakeholders in the Oldman Watershed
- Increase awareness and understanding of the Oldman Watershed among residents and stakeholders and encourage commitment and responsibility for water quality and water use

What We Do
- Refine and expand knowledge of water-related conditions and processes throughout the Watershed
- Promote sustainable land use practices that protect the Watershed
- Reduce contaminants, such as microbes, nutrients, and pesticides, entering surface water and groundwater in the Oldman Watershed
- Promote responsible information and input into water management planning activities that reflects the needs of stakeholders in the Oldman Watershed
- Increase awareness and understanding of the Oldman Watershed among residents and stakeholders and encourage commitment and responsibility for water quality and water use

Where We Work
Within the Oldman River Basin.

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Fax: (403) 381-5765
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Web: www.oldmanbasin.org

6.7.13. Pincher Creek Watershed Group (PCWG)

Who We Are
Type of group: We are a community-based association of landowners. Involvement includes people and/or industry originating at the headwaters, located southwest of the town of Pincher Creek through to the confluence with the Oldman River, northwest of the town.
Mission: As landowners and residents within the Pincher Creek watershed, we want to determine, understand, and implement the requirements to achieve the natural and economic benefits of a healthy watershed. Our objectives are:
- To educate the community and public at large on how improving the health of the Pincher Creek watershed will improve the health of humans, animals, and ecosystems
- To collect baseline watershed information, both historical and present day, including water flow, water quality and riparian health
- To implement management practices that will result in a health watershed

What We Do
The PCWG is now in its third year of activity and the group has been very busy. The group began the revitalization process along the creek in July of 2003 with the first annual ‘Blueweed Blitz’. On this single day, over seventy-five people (landowners) voluntarily participated in a ‘weed-pull’ to reduce the impacts of the invasive Blueweed plant. In July 2004, the second annual ‘Blueweed Blitz’ brought out another seventy volunteers.

Where We Work
Within the Oldman River Basin.

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6.7.15. Southwestern Alberta Conservation Partnership

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Area: MDs of Pincher Creek, Ranchland, and Willow Creek

6.7.16. Upper Little Bow Basin Water Users

Who We Are
Type of group: We are a rural association of agriculture and country residential members, formed in 1996.
Mission: Improve water management, aquatic health, and water quality of the Upper Little Bow River through promotion of economically sustainable changes to land use practices and improved water diversion operations.
What We Do
- We started as an intervene action group at 1997-1998 NRCB/CEAA Joint Panel Review Hearing on the Little Bow Dam/Highwood Diversion Plan project application. We
identified river health, water quality
and supply issues that could
comprise the goals of the project.
The Panel recognized these
concerns in their Decision Report
and required the Alberta
government to address them as part
of completing and implementing the
Little Bow project. Upper Little Bow
Water Users continue to be involved
in this Little Bow project impact
mitigation process that is expected
to be ongoing for the next decade.

- Participated in the Frank Lake
mitigation project to improve the
health and water quality of this lake
that drains into the Little Bow River.
- Riparian initiative through Cows and
Fish and PFRA Programs (1999),
that includes off-stream watering
and moving intensive livestock
operations out of the valley, and
reclaiming the valley site.
- Active member in the Highwood
Water Management Plan Phase 1
process (2001). This Plan is being
done in two stages and covers
water management in the Highwood
and Little Bow basins that are all
part of the linked catchment and
drainage system lying within the
Oldman and Bow River watersheds.
Phase 1 is in the completion stage
and recommendations are being
prepared for submission to the
Alberta government.

Where We Work
South Saskatchewan River watershed,
Bow, and Oldman River basins.
Highwood and Little Bow sub basins.

The Highwood River headwaters are
located in the eastern mountain slopes
and it drains northeasterly to merge
with its major tributary, the Sheep
River, just above its confluence with
the Bow River; hence, the Highwood is
considered part of the Bow River
watershed. The Little Bow River, once
naturally connected to the Highwood
River, now largely sources its water
supply through controlled diversion
structures on the lower reach of the
Highwood River in the Town of High
River. The Little Bow flows southeast
from its Highwood connection to merge
with the Oldman River downstream of
the City of Lethbridge, and is therefore
considered part of the Oldman
watershed. A major tributary of the
Little Bow River is Mosquito Creek,
which has its headwaters in the east
slopes of the Porcupine Hills and is
also linked to the Highwood via a
diversion canal located upstream of the
Town of High River. The Little Bow-
Mosquito Creek confluence, which now
lies within the newly constructed Twin
Valley Reservoir (2004), defines the
distal end of the Upper Little Bow River
reach that extends upstream for some
70 kilometres to its headwater
diversion structures in the Town of
High River. Upper Little Bow Water
Users are landowners on this 70-
kilometer reach and this reach is the
prime focus of their efforts.

Nonetheless, the group has recognized
the need to share in broader basin
work and has become a key group in
driving the Highwood Water
Management planning process that will
define future water and watershed
management planning for the
Highwood and Little Bow basins.

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7. **Milk (Missouri) River Watershed**

### 7.1. Regional Stewardship Groups

#### 7.1.1. Fox Stock Association

**Who We Are**

- **Type of group:** Registered society
- **Mission:** To graze cattle within the Cypress Hills Provincial Park to manage the grasslands.

**Where We Work**

- Milk River Watershed, Cypress Hills Provincial Park.

**How to Contact Us**

- Box 3
- Walsh AB T0J 3L0

#### 7.1.2. Milk River Ranchers Association

**Who We Are**

- **Type of group:** An informal group
- **Mission:** Riparian health of the Milk River Watershed

**What We Do**

- Riparian health assessment by Cows and Fish.

**Where We Work**

- Milk River watershed, Milk River basin

**How to Contact Us**

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### 7.2. Municipal Contacts

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  - Area: County of Warner
## 8. Aboriginal Stewardship Groups, and Resources

### 8.1. First Nations of Alberta Stewardship Initiatives

#### 8.1.1. Kainai (Blood Tribe) First Nation

**Who We Are**
Kainai (Blood Tribe) First Nation, Lands Management Department

**What We Do**
- Updating forest management plan (2005) for The Timber Limit in order to manage the forest sustainably.
- Swift Fox project began 2001 in partnership with Environment Canada and the Cochrane Ecological Institute. Swift foxes were re-introduced in 2004, and there is on-going inventory and monitoring of population (2005) to document the extent of the population, and to guide protection measures.
- Burrowing Owl and Sprague’s Pipit research
- Bull trout assessment in The Timber Limit area in partnership with Alberta Fish and Wildlife
- Producing a documentary about the research that will be shared with local schools.
- Updating forest management plan (2005) for The Timber Limit in order to manage the forest sustainably.

**Where We Work**
- Kainai land (including The Timber Limit area), and work with local communities. We also monitor the Swift Fox throughout the local area.

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#### 8.1.2. Piikani First Nation: Piikani Environmental Services Ltd.

**See section 13.1.6**

#### 8.1.3. Siksika First Nation

**Who We Are**
First Nation band: AESA program delivery through Rural Extension Staff (RES)

**Goal:**
To care for our natural heritage and respect our elders.

**What We Do**
- Control invasive species (pick, bag, burn) without the use of chemicals in order to protect native species, thereby allowing traditional uses of the native plants by the elders.
- Develop range management plans, restore degraded native rangelands
- Provide training sessions and workshops on range management
- Institute off-site watering (using solar/wind-powered pumps) to protect water quality

**Where We Work**
Siksika Nation, Bow River Basin

**Resources We Have Available**
- Training sessions, workshops on range management
- Tools to develop range management plans

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### 8.2. First Nations and Métis Groups and Resources

#### 8.2.1. Assembly of First Nations: Environmental Stewardship Program

**Who We Are**
The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is the national representative organization of the First Nations in Canada. The Assembly of First Nations represents 633 First Nations, or more than 700,000 First Nations citizens both on and off-reserve. The AFN serves as a national delegated forum for determining and harmonizing effective collective and cooperative measures to advance the aspirations of First Nations.

**What We Do**
The AFN Environmental Stewardship Unit is responsible for enabling First Nation communities to identify and address environmental problems that may endanger the health and well being of their people and lands.

**Specific Objectives:**
- To support, strengthen and promote First Nations environmental policy based on an understanding of First Nations practices, principles and philosophies
- To implement processes for meaningful participation and consultation in decision-making affecting First Nations environmental protection;
- To encourage the sharing of community-based environmental management
- To analyze federal and provincial environmental legislation and policies
- To research the impact of federal and provincial law on First Nations
- To share and promote environmental knowledge of and amongst First Nations
- To establish and maintain working relationships within and external to the AFN
- To monitor international activities on the environment

**Partnerships:**
- The Canadian Environment Network (CEN) and the AFN have signed a letter of intent to work collaboratively on issues of mutual concern
- The AFN Environmental Stewardship unit has met with the National Aboriginal Forestry Association to discuss a more formal relationship.

**Where We Work**
Across Canada
8.2.2. Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources (CIER)

Who We Are
CIER was founded in 1994 by a small group of First Nation leaders from across Canada. They recognized a need: the need for First Nations across Canada, and all Aboriginal people, to have the capacity themselves to address and solve environmental problems affecting their lands and resources.

Type of group:
CIER is a First Nation directed environmental non-profit organization.

Mission:
To build the environmental capacity of First Nations, and other Indigenous communities, and to work with or for these communities to come to the successful resolution of environmental problems.

What We Do
The services we offer include education & training and research & consulting, in the four topic areas of forestry, climate change, water and sustainability. We have many years of experience developing and delivering credible environmental education and training programs; leading research and policy development on a breadth of issues; and providing professional consulting services.

Where We Work
We offer services to Aboriginal, government, non-government organizations, and industry clients across Canada

Resources We Have Available

- Research and analysis of environmental issues
- Policy development
- Technical services (e.g. project management, Environmental Management Plans, Program Management, and Phase I Environmental Site Assessments)
- Education and training
  - Searchable on-line resource library
  - Software for Indigenous people to record and report environmental observations (e.g. about air, animals, plants, and water)

- Environmental Education and Training Program (EETP) for Aboriginal youth (1994-1998)
- “Déva” workshops on Forestry, Climate Change, Water, and Sustainability

8.2.3. First Nations Bands and Organizations of Alberta

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8.2.4. First Nations (Alberta) Technical Services Advisory Group (TSAG)

Who We Are
TSAG provides technical services and training for Alberta First Nations in the Treaty 6, Treaty 7, and Treaty 8 areas. We specialize in housing, public works and community facilities, and environmental management.

Goal:
To assist First Nation communities in achieving and maintaining high standards in all these areas, thereby providing community members with a solid foundation for healthy living.

What We Do
Selected initiatives:
- First Nations Environment Stewardship Network (ESN) was established to address environmental issues on Reserve lands. These include the promotion of the environmental stewardship of reserves and traditional lands, the protection of communities from harmful environmental exposures, involvement in future land planning issues, the pursuit of co-

8.2.5. Métis Nation of Alberta: Agriculture and Environment Sector

Who We Are
The Agriculture and Environment Sector provides day-to-day advisory and issues management services to Métis people in all Regions in Agriculture and Environment program areas.

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9.1.2. Alberta Agriculture, Food, and Rural Development (AAFRD): Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture (AESA) program

Who We Are

Type of group: Provincial Government Department
Mission: To lead the agriculture and food industry in addressing environmental challenges
Goal: Our goal is to develop and deliver collaborative environmental stewardship initiatives that result in sustainable growth of Alberta’s farm, ranch, and agri-food processing industry.

What We Do

- The AESA program identifies and promotes practical, effective solutions for existing challenges and assesses emerging environmental issues.
- Through an extension component, AESA staff as well as municipalities, producer, aboriginal environmental groups and other agencies are linking researchers to the extension process and transferring new knowledge, information, tools and ideas to Alberta's farmers, ranchers, and processors.
- Technical support to enhance biodiversity on agricultural land
- Soil quality and water quality monitoring program
- AESA Processing Based Program assists agri-food processors to develop and adopt more environmentally friendly processing practices and policies

Where We Work

Throughout Alberta

Resources We Have Available

- Farm grants
- Technical support
- Soil and water quality monitoring programs

How to Contact Us

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Program delivery staff (non-AAFRD)
The Rural Extension Staff (RES), funded by the AESA Program and employed by municipalities and other agricultural groups, are in place across the province to address local solutions to local problems, with local manpower to deliver extension programs. These RES are the basis of the success of the AESA Program's efforts. The following list of RES is organized by general region in the province: Peace, North, Central, and South.

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Area: Counties of Bonnyville, Lakeland, and Vermilion River

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9.1.3. Alberta Community Development

**Who We Are**

*Type of group:* Provincial Government Department

**Mission:**

To support community development, and through leadership, protection and partnership, help all Albertans participate fully in the social, cultural and economic life of the province

**What We Do**

The ministry is divided up into five main program divisions, as well as several agencies and foundations. The program divisions relevant to stewardship activities in the province include:

- Community and Citizenship Services
• Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources
• Parks and Protected Areas

Some of the agencies and foundations that are part of Alberta Community Development include:
• Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation: See Section 9.1.3.1
• Wild Rose Foundation

Resources We Have Available
• Volunteer and Community Development: Providing service and support to communities and community organizations in ways that encourage initiative, self-help, cooperation and partnership building
• Regional Services: Facilitation, leadership and volunteer development, resource identification and use (financial and human), issue identification resolution, information for assistance or resources available within the community, information about other agencies and other levels of government
• Wild Rose Foundation: Includes grants programs.

How to Contact Us
Phone: (780) 427-6530
Web: www.cd.gov.ab.ca

9.1.3.1. Alberta Community Development: Sport, Recreation, Parks & Wildlife Foundation

Who We Are
The Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks & Wildlife Foundation was formed with the merger of the Alberta Sport Council and the Recreation, Parks & Wildlife Foundation in 1994.

Type of group:
The Foundation is a non-profit Crown Corporation.

Mission:
To facilitate and enhance activities, lifestyles, and legacies through the development of active partnerships in sport, recreation, parks, and wildlife programs.

What We Do
Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks, and Wildlife Foundation has some programs and funding available to groups undertaking recreation activities in the province:
• Park and Wildlife Ventures Program: Provides assistance and advice regarding the donation of goods and land for parks and wildlife habitat and engages partners to help with management of Foundation owned lands;
• Development Initiatives Program: Provides funding to sport, recreation, parks and wildlife groups or individuals for approved projects. Applications are submitted to the Foundation and approval is made by the zone chairs and the board.
• Future Leaders Program: Provides opportunities for indigenous youth in selected Alberta communities. The program is assisted by corporations who provide funding to help train "youth leaders" and support local sport camps and summer playground initiatives.
• Hosting Program: Encourages the development of youth in sport, recreation, parks and wildlife as well as promote economic development. Financial support may be available to communities and associations hosting a major event.
• Provincial Sport and Recreation Development: Provides funding to provincially recognized recreation and sport associations to provide quality sport and recreational opportunities in Alberta.

Where We Work
Throughout Alberta

Resources We Have Available
• There are opportunities for funding through the Development Initiatives Program to provide financial support to watershed stewardship groups.

How to Contact Us
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Program Coordinator
Alberta Sport Recreation Parks and Wildlife Foundation
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Edmonton, AB T5J 4R7
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Web: www.cd.gov.ab.ca/asrpwf

9.1.3.2. Alberta Community Development: Volunteer Steward Program

Who We Are
The Volunteer Steward Program is an Alberta government program managed by the Department of Community Development, Parks and Protected Areas Division. It is jointly managed with Alberta Sustainable Resource Development - Public Lands and Forests Division.

Mission:
Volunteer Stewards help preserve, protect and promote the natural and cultural heritage and recreational values of Alberta's parks and protected areas network. They accomplish this through monitoring, education and research as well as providing operational and management support.

What We Do
• The Volunteer Stewards Program matches volunteers stewards with provincial protected areas to help preserve, protect, and promote the protected areas.
• Stewards are assigned to a specific site and visit their assigned area at least twice a year to observe and report any disturbances or changes in the area.
• Volunteers may propose additional projects for consideration (e.g. installing bird houses, doing bird counts, mapping special features or rare species, developing species lists, annual site cleanups, developing a parking area or trail system, fence repairs, creating and interpretive booklet or trail, developing and presenting educational activities on-site).
• Some stewards are not assigned a site, but rather, rove among a number of sites to help with projects that require specialized skills and knowledge like natural history, engineering or land reclamation.

Where We Work
Throughout Alberta on provincial protected areas

Resources We Have Available
• Alberta Community Development equips participants of the program (Volunteer Stewards) with identification cards and site information kits consisting of maps, air photos, site information, legislation, inspection forms and brochures; gives technical advice and support on site monitoring; provides an opportunity for stewards to participate in the annual volunteer conference: supplies copies of the “Partners in Preservation” newsletter, published semi-annually
• The Volunteer Services Branch of Parks and Protected Areas is responsible for the overall coordination of the program. They provide training for volunteers and provide support materials (e.g. publications, handbook, the site information kit, the web site and newsletter)
• A Local Field Coordinator/Site Operations assist volunteers with on-site orientation/training; supervising Volunteer Stewards on site; responding to enforcement and other site management issues; and
9.1.4. Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB)

Who We Are
Type of group: The Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) is an independent, quasi-judicial agency.

Mission: The EUB’s mission is to ensure that the discovery, development, and delivery of Alberta's energy resources and utilities services take place in a manner that is fair, responsible, and in the public interest.

What We Do
- Regulate the safe, responsible, and efficient development of Alberta's energy resources: oil, natural gas, oil sands, coal, and electrical energy; and the pipelines and transmission lines to move the resources to market.
- On the utilities side, the EUB regulates rates and terms of service of investor-owned natural gas, electric, and water utility services, as well as the majority of Alberta’s gas transmission systems, to ensure that customers receive safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates.

Where We Work
Throughout Alberta

Resources We Have Available
Services through our Environment department

How to Contact Us
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Calgary Office
640 - 5 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2P 3G4
Phone: (403) 297-8311
Web: www.eub.gov.ab.ca

9.1.6. Alberta Environment

Who We Are
Registered as Provincial Government Department, Alberta Energy, Resource Land Access Business Unit

Mission:
To optimize the sustained contribution from Alberta’s energy and mineral resources in the interests of Albertans.

What We Do
- Alberta Environment contributes to the social and economic well being of Albertans by managing the sustained and responsible development of the province’s oil, natural gas, and other mineral resources in a manner that ensures long-term benefits to Albertans.
- The Resource Land Access Business Unit ensures fair and timely access to develop Alberta's resources, while at the same time understanding the significant issues associated with access to resources located in environmentally sensitive areas.

Where We Work
Alberta Environment’s focus is provincial in scope, and has offices in both Edmonton and Calgary.

Resources We Have Available
Alberta Energy does not directly have resources available, but the department’s clients (e.g. Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada) are collaboratively involved in programs that support Watershed Stewardship. Initiatives include: research into technologies that reduce water consumption and impacts to the resource; the development of water management strategies and industry best practices that reduce potential impacts to surface water and groundwater; and, the production and distribution of publications related to industry activities.

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T5K 2G6
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9.1.5. Alberta Energy: Resource Land Access Business Unit

Who We Are
Registered as Provincial Government Department, Alberta Energy, Resource Land Access Business Unit

Mission:
To enhance and protect Alberta’s environment to sustain diverse ecosystems, healthy Albertans, strong communities, and a prosperous economy.

What We Do
- Alberta Environment is responsible for water policy and legislation to ensure the quality and quantity of our water resources and to ensure thriving ecosystems now and in the future. To find out more about water and AENV’s water-related activities, visit www.gov.ab.ca/env/water.
- Alberta Environment is guided by legislation under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, the Water Act, as well as by Water for Life: Alberta’s Strategy for Sustainability (www.waterforlife.gov.ab.ca; hard copies can be requested through the Alberta Environment Information Centre, see contact information below). Outcomes under the water strategy include:
  - Safe, secure drinking water supply
  - Healthy aquatic ecosystems
  - Reliable, quality water supplies for a sustainable economy

Where We Work
Environmental management staff in Northern, Central and Southern regions are involved in many aspects of water management and implementing the Water for Life strategy. Regional offices are located in Edmonton (Northern), Red Deer (Central), and Lethbridge (Southern).

Resources We Have Available
- For general information on Alberta’s watersheds, water legislation, water management plans, water conservation, wastewater, and other water issues, visit www.gov.ab.ca/env/water
- For more specific information on surface water quality, water advisories and forecasts, flood risk mapping, and groundwater, visit the AENV Water Information Centre at www.gov.ab.ca/env/water/water_information_centre.cfm
- For information on specific watersheds, please contact the appropriate region (contact information below).

How to Contact Us
Alberta Environment Information Centre
Phone: (780) 427-2700
(Toll free by first dialing 310-0000)
Email: env.information_centre@gov.ab.ca
Web: www.gov.ab.ca/env

Regional Offices
AENV, Northern Region
Main Floor, Twin Atria Building
4999 - 98 Ave
Edmonton, AB T6B 2X3
Phone: (780) 427-7617
Area: Hay, Peace, Athabasca, Lesser Slave Lake, Cold Lake-Beaver River,
and North Saskatchewan watersheds.

**AENV, Central Region**
Provincial Building
#304, 4920 - 51 Street
Red Deer, AB T4N 6K8
Phone: (403) 340-7052
Area: North Saskatchewan, Battle, Sounding Creek, and Red Deer watersheds.

**AENV Southern Region, Environmental Management**
Provincial Building
2nd Floor, 200-5th Ave. South
Lethbridge, AB T1J 4L1
Phone: (403) 297-7602
Area: Bow, Oldman and Milk River watersheds.

### 9.1.7. Alberta Health and Wellness: Environmental Public Health

**Who We Are**
Type of group: Provincial Government Department
Mission/Objectives: As a division, we provide leadership, expertise, coordination and quality assurance with respect to disease control and prevention within the province. We support regional delivery of public health services and contribute to the work of the Department of Health and Wellness

**What We Do**
We help protect the health of Albertans through environmental health monitoring and interventions

**Where We Work**
Throughout Alberta

**How to Contact Us**
Phone: (780) 427-7164
Email: health.ainform@gov.ab.ca
Web: www.health.gov.ab.ca

### 9.1.8. Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation

**Who We Are**
Registered as Provincial Government Department
Mission:
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation contributes to Alberta’s economic prosperity and quality of life through the provision and support of effective and safe transportation, public buildings, and environmentally safe water and wastewater infrastructure.

**What We Do**
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation:
- Plans, designs, constructs, rehabilitates, operates, and maintains provincial highways and other government-owned/supported infrastructure
- Supports the provision of infrastructure for health care, learning, community, seniors’ lodges, municipal transportation, and municipal water/wastewater treatment and distribution
- Manages central services to all government departments including accommodation requirements, property acquisition and sale, air transportation, and vehicle fleet operations
- Provides driver education, licensing standards, and safety programs and manages driver records and problem drivers
- Monitors the handling and transport of dangerous goods and oversees the operation of provincial railways
- Influences national and international transportation policy and represents Alberta’s transportation interests in national and international trade agreements

**Where We Work**
Throughout Alberta

**Resources We Have Available**
Watershed management is not a direct focus of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation; however, we are committed to supporting the provincial government’s “Water for Life Strategy.” Through our projects (e.g. road, culverts, dams) we are frequently involved in watershed issues, and we are open to co-operating with Watershed Stewardship Groups on issues of mutual concern (e.g. watercourse crossings). Some of our available resources include:
- Individuals with a wide range of expertise on topics related to watershed management such as hydrology, biology, vegetation management, and fish passage.
- Site-specific information about our infrastructure (e.g. bridges, roads) and some water bodies (e.g. hydrology, river channel data), which may be of interest to watershed groups.
- Publications that may be of interest to watershed groups, such as our “Fish Habitat Manual” and our “Erosion and Sediment Control Manual.”

**How to Contact Us**
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Email: Ron.Middleton@gov.ab.ca
Phone: (780) 427-7629

### 9.1.9. Alberta Sustainable Resource Development

**Who We Are**
Provincial Government Department

**What We Do**
Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) works with Albertans across the province to ensure a balance between the economic, environmental, and social values of our province. We fight forest fires, manage fish and wildlife, oversee the development of Alberta’s forests, and manage the use of public lands. We are organized into several divisions:
- Fish and Wildlife: includes the Species at Risk program (see Section 9.1.9.2)
- Forest Protection
- Public Lands and Forests: includes the Rangeland Management Branch (see Section 9.1.9.1)
- Strategic Forestry Initiatives

**How to Contact Us**
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Edmonton, Alberta
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Web: www3.gov.ab.ca/srd

### 9.1.9.1. Alberta Sustainable Resource Development: Rangeland Management Branch

**Who We Are**
Type of group:
A branch of the Public Lands and Forests Division of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development

**Vision:**
The vision of the Range Resource Management Program is to sustain and conserve healthy rangeland ecosystems that maintain biodiversity, while providing resource values, including economic and social benefits for Albertans.

**What We Do**
Our Rangeland Management Branch is involved in stewardship primarily through the grazing disposition holder on the various grazing dispositions in the Province (forests, grasslands, and tame pastures which includes riparian). We are aligned with conservation groups such as Cows and Fish (www.cowsandfish.org). Our strategies include:
- To participate in policy development on current and emerging rangeland issues.
To develop range management tools and products for the conservation of range resources.

To support consistent grazing disposition assessment and to develop range inventory information in support of the grazing disposition renewal process.

To deliver a Range Resource Management Program that develops range health and other ecological tools for technological transfer and training to the Rangeland Agrologists, Forest Officers and other clients. This strategy also involves working with range management stakeholders to ensure the allocation and management of the range resource is done in an acceptable or greater standard of stewardship based on range and riparian health measures to ensure long-term access to the forage base.

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Southeast Region
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4920 - 51 St.
Red Deer, AB T4N 6K8
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Northwest Region
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Northeast Region
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9503 - Beaverhill Rd.
Lac La Biche, AB T0A 2C0
Phone: (780) 623-5240

9.1.9.2. Alberta Sustainable Resource Development: Species at Risk program

Who We Are
A program of the Fish and Wildlife Division of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development

What We Do

The Alberta Species at Risk Program is composed of five interrelated program areas:
- General status assessment of all wild species
- Detailed status assessment of species that may be at risk of extinction or extirpation in Alberta
- Formal (legal) designation of species as Endangered or Threatened, or recommendation as Species of Special Concern, Data Deficient, or Not at Risk
- Development and implementation of recovery programs for Endangered and Threatened species
- Development and implementation of strategies to prevent species from becoming at risk, including Species of Special Concern management plans

Involved in the MULTISAR project in the Milk River basin: A multi-species landscape management plan for species at risk (see 10.1.19).

How to Contact Us

Species at Risk program staff

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Northern Leopard Frog
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Ord’s Kangaroo Rat
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Calgary, AB T2E 7J2

Peregrine Falcon
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9920 - 108 Street
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Piping Plover
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4911 - 51 Street
Red Deer, AB T4N 6V4

Sage Grouse (Interprovincial)
Contact: Dale Eshenner
Fish and Wildlife Division, SRD
9.1.10. Environmental Appeals Board

Who We Are
The Environmental Appeals Board is an independent board that reviews certain decisions made by Alberta Environment. The appeals are heard by impartial professionals, who make their decisions after giving those involved in the appeal an opportunity to present their concerns. The Board uses mediation, where appropriate, to resolve appeals. The Board consists of ten Board members who are not employees of the Government of Alberta and are paid a per diem when conducting Board matters.

Type of group: Provincial Government Agency
Vision: The Environmental Appeals Board will advance the protection, enhancement, and wise use of Alberta’s environment by providing fair, impartial, and efficient resolution of all matters before it.

What We Do
The Environmental Appeals Board hears appeals of certain decisions made by Alberta Environment under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and the Water Act.

Where We Work
The Environmental Appeals Board is located in Edmonton and serves the entire province. Board proceedings and mediations are held throughout the province.

Resources We Have Available
The Environmental Appeals Board provides an opportunity to appeal water licences and approvals issued by Alberta Environment. Appeals must be filed in accordance with the legislation and within strict time frames.

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306 Peace Hills Trust Tower
10011 – 109 Street
Edmonton, AB T5J 3S8
Phone: (780) 427-6207
Fax: (780) 427-6207
Web: www.gov.ab.ca/eab

9.1.11. MULTISAR project

Who We Are
MULTISAR is an innovative approach for management of multiple species in the Milk River basin. MULTISAR considers the needs of the landowner, and strives to benefit landowners who conserve species at risk. It emphasizes cooperative and voluntary stewardship activities to achieve conservation of multiple species, focusing on species at risk. The strategy advocates stewardship through participation of residents and conservation groups with an interest in the landscape. Individual landowners fully participate in the development of the conservation strategy for their ranch.

What We Do
- Through the MULTISAR stewardship program individual landowners can voluntarily choose to work with the Alberta Conservation Association, the Alberta Fish and Wildlife Division, and the Alberta Public Lands and Forest Division (among other organizations) to protect and enhance wildlife habitat on their land.
- Wildlife habitat management plans for ranch
- Wildlife monitoring program
- Beneficial Management Plans (BMPs)

Resources We Have Available
- Up-to-date information on stewardship techniques
- Range and wildlife habitat evaluations
- Knowledgeable staff and monitoring programs
- Ranch improvements are funded through partnering with participating landowners

Where We Work
With landowners residing within the Milk River Basin of Alberta

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9.1.12. Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB)

Who We Are
The Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) is a provincial, quasi-judicial regulatory agency for Alberta’s natural resource and confined feeding industries.

Type of group: Provincial Board
Mission/Objectives: The NRCB works to ensure the development of Alberta’s natural resources occurs in a socially, economically, and environmentally responsible manner.
What We Do

- NRCB activities fall into three main areas – project assessment and approval, compliance and enforcement and board reviews. Since January 2002, through the Agricultural Operation Practices Act, the NRCB has been regulating Alberta’s confined feeding industry.
- The NRCB’s role is to ensure that livestock operators understand and follow the legislative requirements so that Albertans can be confident that the province’s livestock sector operates responsibly and in a manner that protects the public, preserves the environment and allows for the sustainable development of the livestock sector.
- For each application that the NRCB receives from a livestock operator for a confined feeding operation, it must consider the effects on the environment, economy and the appropriate use of land including impacts on adjacent properties, surface and ground water and on air and soil quality.

Where We Work
Throughout Alberta. The NRCB has six offices in Alberta: Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, Lethbridge, Morinville, and Fairview.

How to Contact Us
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10. PROVINCIAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

10.1.1. Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta (ARECA)

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society
Mission: ARECA will:
- Represent members on a provincial level
- Coordinate Resources and Activities
- Enhance communication and extension between producers, researchers, industry and government
- Facilitate efficient growth of agriculture commodities in Alberta
Vision: The Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta (ARECA) is a provincial association of non-profit producer groups dedicated to enhancing the sustainability and profitability of agriculture in Alberta.

What We Do
- Coordinate provincial pest survey; Sustainable Grazing Mentorship program, Regional Variety trials; joint applied research and extension programs; the Western Canadian Grazing conference and other conferences; training opportunities for our members; ARECA teams in forages, crops, and livestock.
- Advocate for our member associations, especially with respect to sustainability and funding.
- Provide “one-stop shopping” for our partners.
- Provide unity and focus for our members through communication, facilitation, and effective representation.

Where We Work
Provincial in scope, covering all aspects of agricultural applied research and extension, including crops, livestock, forages, agro-forestry, medicinal and special crops.

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10.1.2. Alberta Conservation Association (ACA)

Who We Are
Formed in 1997, the Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) is a non-profit, non-government association that works collaboratively to conserve, protect, and enhance our natural biological resources. Evolving originally from the Alberta Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund, ACA is now governed by a Board of Directors represented by conservation groups, industry, science, and the public at large. ACA is a Delegated Administrative Organization under Alberta’s Wildlife Act. ACA is non-partisan and non-regulatory. ACA receives funding from a variety of Alberta conservationists including significant contributions from hunters and anglers and a growing group of corporate partners. Every time hunting or fishing licenses are purchased, ACA receives a portion of the funds to allocate to important conservation projects.

Type of group: Non-government society

Mission: ACA works to conserve, protect, and enhance our natural biological resources.

What We Do
Annually, ACA focuses several million dollars towards conservation efforts, delivering a wide variety of projects, programs, and services across the province. These include:
- Research and data collection
- Hands on project delivery
- Monitoring, analysis and evaluation
- Program funding
- Facilitation, collaboration of stakeholders
- Industry information and public education

Our two major business areas consist of “on the ground” project delivery, and administering our Grant Eligible Conservation Fund. Our “on the ground” projects are grouped into three main business areas: Fisheries, Habitat, and Wildlife. ACA is responsible in managing costs while maintaining scientific credibility and excellence as cornerstones in the services we deliver. One of our current programs areas includes Biodiversity and Species at Risk (e.g. Amphibian Monitoring Program, Species at Risk program for Northern Leopard Frog and Piping Plover, Wildlife Status Reports).

Where We Work
Throughout Alberta

Resources We Have Available
- We currently manage the Alberta Watersheds website (albertawatersheds.org), although the Alberta Stewardship Network (ASN) will be taking over management of the site in the future.
- We have information about the successes and lessons-learned from the “Vincent Lake Working Model” on the website: www.healthyshoreslines.com. The Vincent Lake Working Group was made of representatives from various conservation agencies and government departments, who developed a model to bring about environmentally-friendly land-use practices in the riparian areas and overall watershed.

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Fax: (780) 422-6441
Email: info@ab-conservation.com
Web: www.ab-conservation.com

10.1.3. Alberta Fish and Game Association (AFGA)

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society

Mission:
• To promote, through education and programs, the conservation and utilization of fish and wildlife, and to protect and enhance the habitat they depend upon.

What We Do
• The Wildlife Trust Fund Land securityment program: Provincial program that has secured over 30,000 acres to date.
• The Parkland Stewardship Program: On-farm extension program with emphasis on the conservation of fish and wildlife on private agricultural lands within the central parkland natural region
• Operation Grassland Community: On-farm extension program with emphasis on the conservation of species at risk within the southern grassland natural region

Where We Work
Throughout Alberta

Resources We Have Available
• Landowner’s Toolkit fact sheet series on various topics, including water quality and riparian stewardship
• “Our Changing Land” Video Series features various topics, including catch and release fishing and woodlot management.
• “Farm WaterWatch” provides an on-farm surface water testing service delivered through the Parkland Stewardship Program

How to Contact Us
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Web: www.aipa.org

10.1.4. Alberta Invasive Plant Council

Who We Are
The Alberta Invasive Plants Council (AIPC) is comprised of representatives from governments, industry, and grassroots organizations. Its intent is to provide credible information about Alberta’s invasive plants and to foster cooperation among stakeholders.

Type of group: Not-for-profit organization

What We Do
Goals:
• Communication, education, awareness
• Making Albertans aware of the impact invasive plants have on the environment, economy & society.
• Promote & facilitate partnerships
• Foster & facilitate cooperation among invasive plant stakeholders.
• Act as a resource organization
• Provide expert advice & guidance to government, industry and the public on invasive plant issues.

Where We Work
Throughout Alberta

Resources We Have Available
• Consulting expertise
• Agency/industry contacts
• Presentations

How to Contact Us
Box 2182
Sundre, AB T0M 1X0
Phone: (403) 638-3805
Fax: (403) 638-3170
Email: coordinator@invasiveplants.ab.ca

10.1.5. Alberta Irrigation Projects Association

Who We Are
Type of group: Alberta Irrigation Projects Association (AIPA) is incorporated under the Societies Act of Alberta. AIPA represents the 13 organized irrigation districts in southern Alberta. The purpose of the organization is to present water use issues and the development of its related infrastructures to various government agencies, political entities, and the public at large.

Mission:
Alberta Irrigation and its members are committed to promoting, developing and maintaining the highest standards and broadest range of benefits through progressive water management within Alberta’s irrigated landscape.

What We Do
AIPA focuses its activities to meet strategic objectives in the areas of:
• Education and Outreach: We work actively with Irrigation Districts, area schools, professional organizations and interest groups to provide up-to-date information about water management in southern Alberta; we provide "hands-on" experience in water management through field tours and presentations.
• Governance: We monitor and participate in the review of legislation, regulation, and policy.
• Innovative Management: We develop and implement progressive water management practices
• Partnerships: We have ongoing partnerships with federal and provincial government agencies, conservation organizations, and industry groups. We take an active role in identifying projects and initiatives that it can add value to through partnering.
• Research: Provides the scientific basis on which to build new policies and develop new and improved practices.

Where We Work
We work with the Irrigation Districts of Alberta.

Resources We Have Available
• Field tours and presentations on water management
• Conferences
• Publications on a wide variety of issues in water management, irrigated agriculture, sustainable and integrated resource management.

How to Contact Us
Suite 909, 400 - 4th Avenue South, Lethbridge, AB T1J 4E1
Phone: (403) 328-3063
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Web: www.aipa.org

Alberta’s Thirteen Irrigation Districts

Aetna Irrigation District
Mr. Ralph Price, Secretary/Manager
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Cardston, AB T0K 0K0
Phone: (403) 653-4441
Fax: (403) 653-3803

Bow River Irrigation District
Mr. Richard Phillips, P. Eng, General Manager
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Vauxhall, AB T0K 2K0
Phone: (403) 654-2111
Fax: (403) 654-4197

Eastern Irrigation District
Mr. Earl Wilson, P. Eng. General Manager
P.O. Bag 8, 550 Industrial Road Brooks, AB T1R 1B2
Phone: (403) 362-1400
Fax: (403) 362-6206

Leavitt Irrigation District
Mr. Don Card, Manager
Box 790
Cardston, AB T0K 0K0
Phone: (403) 653-3376
Fax: (403) 653-4255
10.1.5.1. St. Mary River Irrigation District

Who We Are

Type of group: Corporation

Mission:
To provide quality water for agriculture, livestock, and recreational users

What We Do

- Provide irrigation water for an area of 372,000 acres
- We are responsible for providing, delivering, and maintaining all water routes (e.g. canals, pipelines, reservoirs, etc.)
- Work with government agencies with respect to all water issues
- Developed the Partners in Habitat Development (PHD) program with Pheasants Forever to maintain and enhance wildlife habitat in cooperation with landowners located throughout the Irrigation Districts of southern Alberta (see http://www.smrid.ab.ca/smrid/PHD.htm for more information)
- Educate our young people about irrigation through school programs

Where We Work

Our main office is located in Lethbridge, but the Irrigation District covers 372,000 acres from Lethbridge east to Medicine Hat, south of the Oldman and South Saskatchewan Rivers.

Resources We Have Available

- Water quality testing
- Water level assessment
- Publications
- Resources on our website

How to Contact Us

St. Mary River Irrigation District
Box 278
Lethbridge, AB T1J 3Y7
Phone: (403) 328-4401
Web: www.smrid.ab.ca

10.1.6. Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS)

Who We Are

The Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS) was formally established on November 1991. In 1992, ALMS became the first Canadian Chapter of the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS).

Type of group:
We are incorporated as a non-profit organization (1991), and a charitable organization as of October 2001.

Mission:
The purpose of the Society is to promote understanding and comprehensive management of lakes and reservoirs and their watersheds.

What We Do

- Currently our main focus is collecting water quality data on water bodies that have not received water monitoring in the last 5 years or more, and particularly lakes where residents have raised concerns about water quality.
- Lakewatch Program: Involves yearly water quality monitoring and reporting of results, which are posted on our website. This program is run in partnership with Alberta Environment.
- Public outreach and education: ALMS and our representatives host an annual workshop; we are present at most water-related conferences in the province; we offer courses and seminars.
- Provide assistance to individuals or groups interested in starting watershed stewardship committees
- Provide yearly scholarships for educational purposes, which foster research or the advancement of knowledge in the aquatic sciences.
- Participate in the development of local, provincial, and national programs that promote lake and watershed management and/or encourage the protection of lakes and watersheds.
- Provide expertise to and collaborate with other organizations, agencies and individuals concerned with lakes and lake-watershed improvement and protection.

Where We Work

We work throughout Alberta, wherever concerns about water quality.

Resources We Have Available

- Water quality testing
- Stewardship and public outreach/education
- Yearly report writing and summary of results completed by water quality professionals
- A resource library of publications that is available for loan to its members
- Quarterly newsletter entitled “From the Shoreline” is mailed to our members

How to Contact Us

c/o 315 Biological Sciences Building
University of Alberta
Edmonton, AB T6G 2E9
Phone: (780) 433-9414
Web: www.alms.ca
10.1.7. Alberta Native Plant Council (ANPC)

Who We Are

Mission:
The ANPC promotes knowledge and conservation of the native plants and vegetation of Alberta.

Goals:
• Promote knowledge of Alberta’s native plants
• Conserve Alberta’s native plant species and their habitats
• Preserve plant species and habitat for the enjoyment of present and future generations

What We Do

The Council has four active committees:

• Education and Information: Disseminates information on native flora and the May Species Count; produces displays; runs field trips and courses; co-ordinates activities with other environmental groups.
• Rare Plants: Conducts life history studies; monitors populations; sets priority lists for rare plants; assists with populating the rare plant data bank, maintained by the Alberta Natural Heritage Information Centre (ANHIC).
• Reclamation and Horticulture: Compiles guidelines for defining and collecting native plants; produces lists of native seed and nursery stock suppliers; provides reclamation information to interested groups; organizes field trips.
• Conservation Action: Protects rare Alberta species and habitats by: directing public attention to, and lobbying government on the most pressing issues; preparing COSEWIC (Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada) status reports on rare, threatened or endangered species for national listing; gaining stewardship of natural areas; monitoring how habitats are affected by development.

Where We Work

Throughout Alberta

What Resources We Have

• Numerous publications on native species of Alberta available on our website
• Reclamation information to interested groups

How to Contact Us

Alberta Native Plant Council
Box 52099, Garneau Postal Outlet
Edmonton, AB T6G 2T5
Email: info@anpc.ab.ca

Web: www.anpc.ab.ca

10.1.8. Alberta Recreational Canoe Association

Who We Are

Type of group: Society

Mission/Objectives:
Promote safe, enjoyable, and environmentally sustainable use of Alberta’s rivers and lakes

What We Do

• Map creation
• Safety awareness and training
• Instructor certification
• Environmental stewardship initiatives (river clean ups, outhouse installations in high use areas

Where We Work

Throughout Alberta

Resources We Have Available

• Large membership of like-minded individuals
• Stewardship project crew who go to rivers and complete clean ups and other projects.

How to Contact Us

Email: Info@abcanoekayak.org
Web: www.abcanoekayak.org

10.1.9. Alberta Stewardship Network (ASN)

Who We Are

Type of group: Network

Mission/Objectives:
Non-registered network of stewardship groups, support agencies, and resources for stewardship.

What We Do

To provide a network for Alberta’s stewards to enhance information exchange and support, and recognize the contribution of individuals, communities, and organizations.

Where We Work

Throughout Alberta

Resources We Have Available

• This directory of stewardship groups, support agencies, and resources (hard copy, CD, and electronic versions).
• On-line provincial stewardship network (“Hub”) of the Stewardship Canada Portal
• We plan on having on-line stewardship forums, a 1-800 information line about stewardship, a stewardship newsletter, workshops, and other capacity building initiatives.

How to Contact Us

Land Stewardship Centre - Interim Secretariat for the ASN
Land Stewardship Centre of Canada
17503-45 Avenue

Web: www.anpc.ab.ca

• On-line provincial stewardship network (“Hub”) through the Stewardship Canada Portal to connect stewards across Alberta and link them nationally to information, activities, resources, expertise and organizations related to air, land, water and biodiversity stewardship
• This directory of stewardship organizations, initiatives and resources for Alberta
• Identification and documentation of stewardship group needs

Future projects:
As a newly formed network we have numerous goals for the organization:
• “1-800” phone information service to supply and distribute stewardship information
• Stewardship Newsletter (electronic & hard copy)
• Link to/coordinate the development and delivery of tools for capacity building and empowerment in the community
• Recognize stewardship efforts-publications, workshops, outreach, media communications (possibly develop community group web pages)
• On-line stewardship forums, consultations, workshops, questionnaires, and professional forums
• Connect with all stewardship sectors and agencies to share information, build partnerships, encourage collaborative efforts and eliminate duplication
• Establish media communications to raise awareness about the importance of stewardship and collaborative efforts in achieving long term success in Alberta.

Where We Work

Throughout Alberta

Resources We Have Available

• This directory of stewardship groups, support agencies, and resources (hard copy, CD, and electronic versions).
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• This directory of stewardship organizations, initiatives and resources for Alberta
• Identification and documentation of stewardship group needs
10.1.10. Alberta Trailnet Society

We promote the development and managed use of all types of trails in the interests of a broad range of user groups. Trails and trail systems provide affordable, accessible, multiuse recreation and transportation infrastructure, preserve green space and wildlife corridors, support economic growth and tourism, and offer opportunities to appreciate and learn about Alberta’s diverse historical, natural, economic, and cultural history.

Type of group: Registered non-profit organization, charitable society.

Mission/Objectives: To promote a provincial trail network, including the Trans Canada trail, which connects all Albertans.

What We Do
- We support local groups in their trail building activities by providing workshops, information resources and technical advice on the planning, design, construction and management of trails; a liability insurance program; research on topics critical to understanding and mitigating recreation impacts.
- We offer expertise in trail planning, design, construction, and sustainable management.

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11759 Great Road
Edmonton, AB T5M 3K6
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Toll-free: 1-877-987-2457
Fax: (780) 422-2663
Web: www.albertatrailnet.com

10.1.11. Alberta Wilderness Association (AWA)

Who We Are
Registered as Federally registered charity and non-profit society.

Mission/Objectives
To defend wild Alberta through awareness and action. As the oldest wilderness conservation group in the Province of Alberta we have a clear mandate to conserve and complete a network of protected areas including wilderness lands and waters throughout Alberta.

What We Do
- Defend wilderness and wildlife
- Advocate for new protected areas as well as legislation and policy that protects wilderness and associated wildlife
- Act as volunteer stewards for protected areas

Where We Work
Province-wide from Hay-Zama lakes in Northwest Alberta to McLelland Lake in Northeastern Alberta, Milk River in Southeastern Alberta and Castle area of Southwestern Alberta and wild lands and waters in between

Resources We Have Available
Wilderness Resource Center: files, publications, visual material from 4 decades of wilderness work in Alberta
- Conservation biologist on staff
- Event Management

How to Contact Us
The Alberta Wilderness Association, P.O. Box 6398, Station D Calgary, AB T2P 2E1
or 455 - 12 Street, NW, Calgary, AB T2N 1Y9
Phone: (403) 283-2025
Toll-free: 1-866-313-0713
Fax: (403) 270-2743
Email: awa.info@shawcable.com
Web: http://albertawilderness.ca

10.1.12. Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA): Lake Stewardship Steering Committee

Who We Are
We are a steering committee on lake stewardship issues for the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA) with support from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

What We Do
We have developed a “Lake Stewardship Reference Guide” that provides helpful information about water legislation and regulations for administrators and municipalities. We are working on an updated edition to be released later this year, which will include a summary of relevant legislation written in accessible language, ways for lakefront property owners to improve lake water quality, and highlights of successful lake stewardship activities in Alberta.

Resources We Have Available
Lake Stewardship Reference Guide

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10.1.13. Clean Air Strategic Alliance

Who We Are
Established in 1994, the Clean Air Strategic Alliance (CASA) is a non-profit consensus-based association of senior representatives from government, industry, and non-government organizations (including health and environmental groups) who have committed to developing and applying a comprehensive air quality management system for Alberta.

Type of group: A non-profit corporate society

Vision:
The air will be odourless, tasteless, look clear, and have no measurable
short or long-term adverse effects on people, animals or the environment.

**What We Do**
- All CASA groups and teams, including the board of directors, make decisions and recommendations by consensus.
- Consensus is reached when there is unanimous agreement and each stakeholder can live with the outcome. Stakeholders may not achieve all their goals, but the purpose is to find the optimal solution that is within the best interests of everyone.
- The air quality management recommendations are likely to be more innovative and longer lasting than those reached through traditional negotiation processes.
- The work of CASA is achieved largely through the participation of teams of experts representing stakeholder organizations. Project teams develop recommendations for board consideration. Some projects CASA stakeholders are working on include:
  - Confined Feeding Operations
  - Electrical Efficiency & Conservation
  - Human and Animal Health
  - Indoor Air Quality
  - Renewable and Alternative Energy
  - Solution Gas Flaring and Vending
  - Vehicle Emissions.

**Where We Work**
The CASA office is located in Edmonton and it serves Albertans.

**Resources We Have Available**
We have experience with using a collaborative and principled outcomes.

**How to Contact Us**
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Web: http://casahome.org


**Who We Are**
The Community Planning Association of Alberta is an organization dedicated to the promotion of community planning in the Province of Alberta. Through various means, the Association provides a forum for the discussion of community planning-related concepts, ideas, and issues with a view towards solutions. The Association is a volunteer-based organization, comprised of members from diverse backgrounds and interests.

**Mission**
To promote the importance of community planning through the gathering, dissemination and discussion of information with respect to planning issues to all persons interested in planning.

**What We Do**
Objectives:
- To promote an annual conference at a central location with speakers and sessions that will promote education and understanding of planning issues.
- To prepare a newsletter to be distributed to all members providing information on current planning issues and dates of relevant events.
- To comment on provincial policy, actions and legislation as they relate to planning in a manner that reflects the majority or consensus of the membership.
- To encourage the active participation in planning by informed citizens.
- To monitor trends and new initiatives in planning and inform members and other groups.
- To encourage discussion and sharing of information between members and other related organizations.
- To interact with other planning and related groups in a variety of ways (such as joint conferences, or articles in the newsletter).

**Where We Work**
Throughout Alberta

**What Resource We Have Available**
- For group members: We provide groups with a forum to express their views on community planning and provincial legislation, plus a means of province-wide updates on innovative planning projects they may be involved with.
- For individual members: We will provide individuals interested in community planning with a place to express their viewpoints and opportunities to network with planners and community leaders, and to gather information and knowledge about the planning field. This includes professional planners, development officers and boards and municipal committee members.
- For student members: We offer interaction with practising planners, elected officials and community leaders. There is potential to find out about employment opportunities. The organization or individual members may be of assistance with the collection of information required for term or thesis projects.

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Red Deer, AB T4R 1W2
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Web: www.cpaa.biz

**10.1.15. Cows and Fish (Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society)**

**Who We Are**
Cows and Fish is collaboration of groups and agencies that have come together to promote voluntary stewardship of riparian areas through awareness and sustainable management. We work to foster a better understanding of how improvements in grazing and other management on riparian areas can enhance landscape health and productivity, for the benefit of all who use and value riparian areas.

**Type of group:**
Registered society

**Mission/Objectives:**
Our mission is to promote healthy and productive riparian areas for the benefit of livestock producers, their communities and others who value these vital landscapes.

**What We Do**
Presentations, workshops, field days, youth interactive activities. Some applied research and independent evaluation of program/process and tools too.

**Where We Work**
All across Alberta, and to a limited extent, outside AB for training others.

**Resources We Have Available**
- Publications on riparian areas, management of riparian areas (including community and agricultural producer case studies), monitoring and identifying the health of riparian areas
- Presentations (at no charge to the public) on the riparian ecology, management of riparian areas, grazing principle and practices, livestock behaviour, grazing with wildlife, how to work with communities; Cows and Fish process/program; evaluation of riparian programming
- Planning and facilitation of riparian programming, including helping
groups work together, identify issues and determine how to address their issues
- Riparian health monitoring (both awareness/familiarity for individuals, but also establishing baseline information for community or watershed groups (cost shared))
- Expertise on grazing management strategies (upland and riparian)

How to Contact Us

Main office
2nd Floor YPM Place
530-8th Street South
Lethbridge, AB T1J 2J8
Phone: (403) 381-5538
Web: www.cowsandfish.org

Regional offices

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Cows and Fish
Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society
306 J.G. O'Donoghue Building
7000-113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6H 5T6
Phone: (780) 427-7940
Fax: (780) 422-9745

Red Deer
Cows and Fish
Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society
c/o AAFRD
301 Provincial Building
4920 - 51 Street
Red Deer, Alberta, Canada T4N 6K8
Phone: (403) 340-7607
Fax: (403) 340-4896

Calgary
Cows and Fish
Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society
#320, 6715 - 8th St. NE
Calgary, AB T2E 7H7
Phone: (403) 275-4400
Fax: (403) 274-0007

10.1.16. Federation of Alberta Naturalists

Who We Are
Federation of Alberta Naturalists (FAN) is an environmental non-governmental agency (ENGO) with 29 field naturalists clubs across the province

Type of group:
Not for profit organization incorporated under Alberta’s Societies Act, as well as registered as a charitable organization

Mission:
To be a strong voice for the greater appreciation and conservation of Alberta’s natural environment

What We Do
- Publishing
- Webhosting
- Application development for web design, desktop design, and Palm Pilot design
- Geographical Information Systems (GIS) services: map printing, design and development
- Natural History Database
- Living by Water Project (see section 12.1.7.
- Alberta Bird Atlas Project
  - Birdlist Program: Software program available free for birders to compile bird sightings and submit observations towards a provincial bird database inventory.
  - Natural History Database: Collection of bird sightings from all regions of Alberta. Data is available to naturalists, researchers, and environmental consultants.
  - Alberta Birdlist: Provincial checklist used for recording bird sightings and conducting field surveys.
- Important Bird Areas
  - 48 Alberta Important Bird Areas identified, so far
  - Conservation plans written for a dozen sites
  - Volunteer site stewards at least a dozen sites
  - A new Volunteer Monitoring Program for Alberta IBAs (2005)

How to Contact Us

11759 Groat Road
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Web: www.fanweb.ca

10.1.17. Grizzly Bear Alliance

Who We Are
Type of group: Registered society

Mission:
To ensure the coexistence of people and grizzly bears throughout their current range in Alberta.

What We Do
Public education and outreach, engage people in the debate over the future of Alberta’s grizzlies, BearSafe community program.

Where We Work
Throughout Alberta, including the National Parks

How to Contact Us
P.O. Box 8589
Canmore, AB T1W 2V4
Email: info@grizzlybearalliance.org
Web: www.grizzlybearalliance.org

10.1.18. Land Stewardship Centre of Canada (LSCC)

Who We Are
Type of group: National organization with a provincial focus on Alberta and Prairie Region.

Mission:
To promote ecologically sustainable land-use principles by building partnerships, sharing knowledge and information and taking action to facilitate responsible stewardship.

What We Do
With Our Partners:
- The Land Stewardship Resource Centre Website (www.landstewardship.org) was developed to share information about sustainable land use, stewardship and conservation information and resources, and about the maintenance of ecological goods and services. LSCC also facilitates community-based land-use conservation projects to assist local stewardship groups,
- LSCC has an extensive outreach program (presentations, speakers, display)
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Land Stewardship Centre of Canada

• LSACC conducts research on biodiversity and natural communities.
• LSACC connects provincial and local stewardship activities, nationally.
• In 1998, the LSACC founded the virtual Round River General Store (http://www.landstewardship.org/gen store_a.asp) which helps to market sustainable goods produced in Alberta and connects consumers with producers of goods made locally and with sustainability in mind.

Where We Work
The Land Stewardship Centre of Canada is located in Alberta

Resources We Have Available
• Extensive website resources available through the Land Stewardship Resource Centre
• Stewardship expertise

How to Contact Us
Land Stewardship Centre of Canada
Imrie House
17503 - 45 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T6M 2N3
Phone: (780) 483-1885
Fax: (780) 486-9599
Email: info@landstewardship.org
Web: www.landstewardship.org

10.1.19. MULTISAR Project
See section 9.1.11.

10.1.20. Prairie Conservation Forum

Who We Are
Type of group:
PCF is a broad, voluntary coalition of about 40 organizations representing: agricultural groups, conservation groups, land and resource management organizations, federal and provincial agencies, local/regional authorities and service agencies, industry, academia.

Vision:
The biological diversity of native prairie and parkland ecosystems in Alberta is conserved for the benefit of current and future generations.

What We Do
Selected initiatives:
• Landowners adjacent to the Oldman, Bow and South Saskatchewan Rivers and their tributaries were contacted by letter and made aware of the excellent conditions that existed for the establishment of riparian poplar seedlings following the flood of 1995. Landowners were encouraged to adopt management practices that would ensure the protection of emerging seedlings.
• The PCF was significantly involved in the development of "Conservation and Management Strategy for Riparian Forests in Southern Alberta."
• Ongoing promotion of education and awareness in the area of prairie conservation targeted at landholders, decision makers, industry and the public using various media including: web site (www.albertapcf.ab.ca), brochures, displays, pamphlets, posters, writers kits, conferences, speaking engagements, selection of a provincial grass emblem, etc.
• Development of a university 'Topics on Prairie Conservation' course, which has been offered as a senior seminar course by the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Lethbridge since 1998.
• The establishment of a proposed National Wildlife Area at Canadian Forces Base Suffield has resulted from discussions initiated by the Prairie Conservation Forum.
• Searchable on-line guide to native vegetation status in the Grasslands Natural Region
• On-line guide to Environmentally Significant Areas inventories.

Where We Work
The Alberta PCF focuses on the prairie and parkland ecosystems of Alberta. There are also partnerships supporting Prairie Conservation Action Plans in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Resources We Have Available
• Publications and curriculum resources on prairie conservation
• Building capacity, tools, and approaches to document and quantify landscape changes taking place over time, understanding the implications of this change, and promoting a better understanding of the implications of impacts on landscape integrity amongst decision makers and the public.

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10.1.21. Riparian Action Team (RAT)

Who We Are
Type of group:
Informal interagency group of government and non-government entities.

Mission/Goals:
The RAT seeks to bring resource professionals together in a teamwork setting in order to maximize resources available for riparian projects that focus on agricultural issues. Key to the successes of the group are two meetings a year where we discuss project priorities and partnership opportunities.

What We Do
• Rather than "dictate" how to deliver riparian projects, the goal of the RAT is to encourage and facilitate teamwork amongst the agencies, utilizing the individual staff talents and areas of agency interest in order to deliver high quality projects in priority areas.
• We address riparian enhancement, water protection, and wildlife enhancement issues.
• Funding for fencing material to restrict livestock from accessing riparian areas.

Where We Work
High Prairie area. Our priority areas include the lands of Lesser Slave Lake, along with lands along watercourses that lead into Lesser Slave Lake. We also work on lands along other area lakes, and on lands with riparian areas requested for projects by landowners. A second RAT has been recently established (2004) in the Grande Prairie area.

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10.1.22. Stewards of Alberta’s Protected Areas Association (SAPAA)

Who We Are
Registered as:
Non-governmental, non-profit, registered society.

Objectives:
• To establish a network to support the Volunteer Stewards of Alberta's Protected Areas, who work under the ACD Volunteer Stewards Program.

• To promote the preservation, protection and restoration of the ecological integrity of Alberta's Protected Areas (public lands under WAERNA and PPA acts), for educational and non-intrusive nature-oriented recreational activities.

• To work with the appropriate government departments to resolve issues regarding actions and activities that affect Alberta's Parks and Protected Areas.

**What We Do**

• We provide information to Stewards through Newsletters, annual meetings and field trips

• Meet with government personnel to discuss activities and Stewards' concerns.

**Where We Work**

Individual Stewards' areas are scattered throughout the province.

**Resources We Have Available**

Individual stewards have knowledge of certain Natural Areas (often small pockets of biodiversity in otherwise developed landscapes), a few Ecological Reserves and Provincial Parks.

**How to Contact Us**

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John Woitenko, President  
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11. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

11.1.1. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Who We Are
Type of group: Federal Government Department

Mandate: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada provides information, research and technology, and policies and programs to achieve security of the food system, health of the environment and innovation for growth.

Where We Work
Type of group: Federal Government Department

Mandate: Watershed Stewardship in Alberta

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11.1.1.1. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA)

Who We Are
Mission: Working with Prairie people to build a viable agricultural industry, and to support a sound rural economy, healthy environment and a high quality of life.

What We Do
In general, our services fall under five categories:
- Land management (e.g. grazing and breeding services)
- Rural water (e.g. water supply, quality, treatment, BMPs)
- Resource conservation (e.g. promote activities and BMPs for the conservation and development of land and water resources)
- Capacity building (e.g. technical support)
- Special services (e.g. expertise, assistance for research, development, infrastructure for overseas projects)

Our district offices offer a variety of services specific to the different regions of Alberta. Contact one of the offices below to find out what services are offered in your area.

Where We Work
Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and the Peace River region of British Columbia

Resources We Have Available
- New technologies (e.g. applied research, innovation)
- Information Products (e.g. fact sheets, brochures, handbooks, newsletters, studies, land and water data, GIS products, resource impact modelling)
- Services (e.g. management of federal-provincial programs, technology transfer)
- Partnerships (e.g. facilitate strategic alliances)
- Infrastructure (e.g. waste storage, management, water supply)

How to Contact Us
Head Office
Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA)
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Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 4L2
Phone: (306) 780-5019
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Web: www.agr.gc.ca/pfra/main_e.htm

Regional Offices
Peace River District Office
Green Valley Centre
9910 - 102nd Street
Peace River, AB T8S 1S7
Phone: (780) 624-3368
Fax: (780) 624-8123

Westlock District Office
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Westlock, AB T7P 2J4
Phone: (780) 349-3963
Fax: (780) 349-6186

Vegreville District Office
Suite 101 Professional Building
4902 - 50th Street
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Vegreville, AB T9C 1S2
Phone: (780) 632-2919
Fax: (780) 632-2150
Areas: Beaver, Smoky Lake, St Paul, Strathcona, Two Hills, Vermilion River, Minburn, Lamont, Wainwright, and Bonnyville.

Red Deer District Office
Suite 101, 4805 48 Ave,
Red Deer, AB T4N 3T2
Phone: (403) 340-4290
Fax: (403) 341-7071
Area: Banff (ID), Bighorn, Clearwater, Mountain View, Red Deer, Lacombe, Ponoka, Wetaskiwin, Camrose, Kneehill, Wheatland, Rocky View

Hanna District Office
Suite 210, 1865 Dunmore Road, SE
Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1Z8
Phone: (403) 526-2429
Fax: (403) 526-0358
Areas: Cypress, Forty Mile, Newell, a portion of Special Areas No. 2, Canadian Forces Base Suffield
11.1.2. Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

Who We Are
The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency was created on December 21, 1994 to administer the federal environmental assessment process under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. The Agency reports directly to the Minister of the Environment. The Agency is a federal department dedicated to administering and promoting environmental assessment policies and practices of the federal government.

Mission:
- To provide Canadians with high quality federal environmental assessments that contribute to informed decision making in support of sustainable development.

Objectives:
- Ensure that projects’ environmental effects are considered before any action is taken;
- Promote sustainable development;
- Eliminate duplication in environmental assessment (EA);
- Ensure projects do not cause significant adverse effects in other jurisdictions; and
- Ensure an opportunity for public participation in EA.

What We Do
The Agency is divided into three main sectors: Program Delivery, Policy Development, and Corporate Services. The federal environmental assessment process is applied whenever a federal authority has a specified decision-making responsibility in relation to a project, also known as a “trigger” for an environmental assessment. Specifically, it is when a federal authority:
- Proposes a project;
- Provides financial assistance to a proponent to enable a project to be carried out;
- Sells, leases, or otherwise transfers control or administration of federal land to enable a project to be carried out; and
- Provides a license, permit, or an approval that is listed in the Law List Regulations that enables a project to be carried out.

If a project does not meet the above criteria for a federal environmental assessment a federal assessment may still be conducted if the Minister of the Environment receives a petition from individuals or interested parties requesting a project to be referred to a mediator or review panel and the Minister believes the project has the potential to cause significant adverse environmental effects across boundaries between non-federal and federal lands, or across provincial or international boundaries.

Where We Work
Across Canada

Resources We Have Available
The Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry, available on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency web site, offers information about projects undergoing environmental assessment across Canada. Projects can be searched for either by keyword or geographic location.

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11.1.3. Canadian Heritage Rivers System

Who We Are
The Canadian Heritage Rivers System (CHRS) is Canada’s national river conservation program. It promotes, protects and enhances Canada’s river heritage, and ensures that Canada’s leading rivers are managed in a sustainable manner. Responsible river stewardship is the ethic it engenders. Today, there are 39 Heritage rivers across Canada, and more are being added to the system each year. The CHRS has no legislative authority. Governments retain their traditional jurisdictional powers and management responsibilities throughout this process.

Type of Group:
We are an intergovernmental agency - Parks Canada provides the Secretariat.

Mission:
Canada’s outstanding rivers will be nationally recognized and managed through the support and stewardship of local people and provincial, territorial, and federal governments to ensure the long-term conservation of the rivers’ natural, cultural, and recreational values and integrity.

What We Do
- The CHRS works to help local communities or governments nominate rivers to the program, write management plans, and monitor CHRS rivers.
- Establishing Canadian Heritage Rivers is a two-step process, nomination and designation. Although river nominations may be submitted to the Canadian Heritage Rivers Board only by participating governments, private citizens and groups are encouraged to present submissions to their federal, provincial or territorial board member for any river they feel is worthy.
- To be considered, the river must have outstanding natural, cultural, and/or recreational values, a high level of public support, and it must be demonstrated that sufficient measures will be put in place to ensure that those values will be maintained.
- A nominated river becomes designated once a management plan, or heritage strategy, that ensures the river will be managed to conserve its outstanding natural, cultural, and/or recreational values, is lodged with the Board by the government(s) that made the nomination. Production of a management plan or heritage strategy is based on public consultation and consensus.

Where We Work
Across Canada. Designated rivers in Alberta include the Clearwater, Athabasca, North Saskatchewan, and Kicking Horse.

Resources Available
We can provide publications, Powerpoint presentations, posters on the CHRS and river conservation in Canada. We can provide advice and expertise on river conservation and planning. As well, we can give great presentations on the CHRS and river conservation in Canada. “State of the River” reports for designated heritage rivers are available on-line at the Canadian Heritage Rivers web site.

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11.1.4. Environment Canada

Who We Are
Type of group: Federal Government Department
Mission: Environment Canada's mission is to make sustainable development a reality in Canada by helping Canadians live and prosper in an environment that needs to be respected, protected, and conserved.

What We Do
- Meteorology
- Wildlife and Habitat Conservation
- Pollution Prevention
- Enforcement and Compliance Promotion
- Preserve and enhance the quality of the natural environment, including water, air, soil and renewable resources

Where We Work
Environment Canada works across Canada. The Prairie and Northern Region branch of Environment Canada encompasses five provinces and territories: Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, NWT, and Nunavut.

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Email: enviroinfo@ec.gc.ca
Web site: www.ec.gc.ca

11.1.4.1. Environment Canada: Meteorological Service of Canada

Who We Are
The Meteorological Service of Canada is Canada’s source for meteorological information.

What We Do
The Service:
- Monitors water quantities
- Provides information and conducts research on climate, atmospheric science, air quality, ice and other environmental issues.

Where We Work
Across Canada

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Email: enviroinfo@ec.gc.ca
Web: www.msc-smc.ec.gc.ca

11.1.4.2. Environment Canada: Environmental Technology Advancement Directorate

Who We Are
Type of group: Federal Government Department Directorate under Environment Canada.
Mission: To develop and apply science and technology for environmental protection.

What We Do
- Environmental Technology Advancement Directorate (ETAD) is a multidisciplinary group made up of scientists and engineers; policy, intellectual property, and commercialization advisors; and marketing and communications experts. ETAD has four key responsibility centres whose work focuses on fulfilling the Directorate’s mission.
  - Environmental Technology Centre (ETC) focuses on technologies for measuring air pollutants in ambient air and from mobile and stationary sources; analysis of a wide variety of organic and inorganic compounds in diverse samples; assessments and cleanup of contaminated sites; and prevention of and response to pollution emergencies such as oil and chemical spills.
  - Wastewater Technology Centre (WTC): develops and assesses novel wastewater technologies and advances the MAPTM family of technologies and other technologies that offer high potential for reducing waste and greenhouse gas emissions.
  - Technology and Industry Branch (TIB) manages and directs technology related activities; the Branch transfers technologies and expertise to build international capacity for global environmental protection.
  - The Technology Transfer Branch (TTB) provides federal leadership and coordination to address “legacy” issues such as federal contaminated sites and municipal wastewater effluents.

Where We Work
Across Canada

Resources We Have Available
Some scientific and technical support services.

How to Contact Us
Environmental Technology Advancement Directorate
Environmental Protection Service
Environment Canada
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11.1.4.3. Environment Canada: Habitat Stewardship Program

Who We Are
Type of group: Federal Government Department

What We Do
The HSP provides funding to “stewards” for implementing activities that protect or conserve habitats for species designated by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) as nationally “at risk” (endangered, threatened or of special concern).

Where We Work
Throughout Canada

Resources We Have Available:
Funding for projects that will benefit species at risk.

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11.1.4.4. Environment Canada: National Water Research Institute

Who We Are
The National Water Research Institute (NWRI) is Canada’s largest freshwater research facility with over 300 staff including aquatic ecologists, hydrologists, toxicologists, physical geographers, modellers, limnologists, environmental chemists, research technicians, and experts in linking water science to environmental policy.

Type of group: NWRI is a Directorate of Environment Canada.

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Type of group: NWRI is a Directorate of Environment Canada.
Canada’s Environmental Conservation Service.

What We Do

• With partners in the Canadian and international science communities, NWRI conducts a comprehensive program of ecosystem-based research and development in the aquatic sciences, generating and disseminating scientific knowledge needed to resolve environmental issues of regional, national or international significance to Canada, and to sustain our natural resources and freshwater ecosystems.
• Research Activities and Branches:
  o Aquatic Ecosystem Impacts Branch
  o Aquatic Ecosystem Management Research Branch
  o Aquatic Ecosystem Protection Research Branch
  o Water Quality Monitoring Branch
  o Research Support Branch
  o Science Liaison Branch
  o National Laboratory for Environmental Testing
• Publications

Where We Work

NWRI has two main centres: the larger at the Canada Centre for Inland Waters on the shores of the Great Lakes in Burlington, Ontario; the other at the National Hydrology Research Centre, in the heart of the Canadian Prairies in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. We work across Canada.

How to Contact Us

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11.1.4.6. Environment Canada: Prairie Provinces Water Board (PPWB)

Mission

• To ensure the apportionment of interprovincial waters is carried out in accordance with the Master Agreement on Apportionment
• To ensure adherence to water quality objectives and inform affected jurisdictions about unusual water quality conditions
• To provide a forum to exchange information, to inform jurisdictions of potential projects/issues and to facilitate discussion to limit conflicts and disagreements and promote cooperation in interprovincial water management

What We Do

• The PPWB administers the Master Agreement on Apportionment, signed in October 1969 by the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba and the federal government. The Master Agreement on Apportionment:
  o Defines apportionment and methods to calculate apportionment at the boundaries
  o Sets out agreed-to water quality objectives for river reaches at the boundaries and a method to review and revise objectives
  o Considers interprovincial groundwater quantity and quality
  o Suggests fostering interprovincial water quality management that encourages the protection and restoration of the aquatic environment
  o Established the Prairie Provinces Water Board of senior water resource officials
• Environment Canada fulfills the monitoring conditions described under the master Agreement and provides most of the quantity, meteorological and water quality information.
  o The PPWB:
    o Uses the information to calculate natural flows, which it compares to recorded flows at the boundaries to ensure water is shared according to the Agreement
    o Compares the levels of water quality parameters at the boundaries to the agreed objectives, and informs the jurisdictions so measures can be taken develops methods to determine if transboundary surface and groundwater is affected; and
    o Fosters communication about projects proposed in each jurisdiction, which allows study and discussion about effects
• Report to Board on the apportionment of and water quality of interprovincial streams;
• Inform member agencies of any spills or unusual water quality conditions;
• Determine whether water quality meets objectives and assess trends;
• Informs responsible government ministers on activities under the Agreement;
• Monitoring, as defined by the Board, of surface water quantity and quality and climate conditions.
• Publications and reports are available through the PPWB website. Most Prairie Provinces Water Board Reports are available free of charge upon request.

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Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 4K1
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Resources We Have Available

The Secretariat functions to:
• Evaluate water quantity and quality monitoring information provided by Environment Canada;
• Calculate natural flows;
• Calculate natural flows.

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• It is the designated agency responsible for water resource monitoring in support of interjurisdictional agreements and treaties.
• The hydrometric program provides for the collection, interpretation, and dissemination of surface water quantity data and information — information that is vital to meet both water management and environmental needs across the country.

Resources We Have Available

Products and Services:
• HYDAT
  o Canada’s national archive for water quantity data
  o HYDAT CD Rom
  o Archived Hydrometric Data - Query the database on-line
• Real-time Hydrometric Data
  o Search for real-time water levels at over 1200 hydrometric stations across Canada
  o Maps of real-time hydrometric stations
• Water level and streamflow statistics
  o Generate statistics for selected hydrometric stations
  o Hydrometric Station Reference Index (2002)
  o Query the database on-line
  o Hydrometric Technician Development Program (CDP)

Where We Work

Across Canada

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11.1.5. Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

Who We Are

Fisheries and Oceans Canada is the lead federal government department responsible for developing and implementing policies and programs in support of Canada’s economic, ecological, and scientific interests in oceans and inland waters. This mandate includes responsibility for the conservation and sustainable use of Canada’s fisheries resources while continuing to provide safe, effective, and environmentally sound marine services that are responsive to the needs of Canadians in a global economy.

Type of group:

Federal Government Department

Mission:

It is our mission, as DFO employees, to deliver to Canadians the following outcomes:
• Safe and Accessible Waterways
• Healthy and Productive Aquatic Ecosystems
• Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture

In working toward these outcomes, the Department will be guided by the principles of sound scientific knowledge and effective management.

What We Do

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) is organized into several sectors, including: Canadian Coast Guard, Science, Canadian Waters, Fisheries Management, Statistics, and Library. Some of the DFO activities across these sectors include:
• Studying, conserving and protecting aquatic ecosystems
• Conducting scientific research and related activities, which are vital to the understanding and sustainable management of Canada’s oceans and aquatic resources.
• Working in collaboration to manage the commercial, recreational and Aboriginal fisheries.
• Ensuring compliance with environmental standards and regulations in support of economic development and other activities.
• Providing high-quality hydrographic data, products and services.
• Co-ordinating clean-up efforts of pollution and oil spills.

Fish Habitat Management Program

Most of the habitat stewardship activities happen under the Habitat Management program of the Canadian Waters Sector. The Fish Habitat Management Program carries out a number of key activities for the management of fish habitat in Canada. These activities include:
• Monitoring compliance and enforcing the habitat protection provisions of the Fisheries Act
• Watershed and coastal zone planning
• Habitat enhancement
• Public education and stewardship
• Scientific research program in support of the Habitat Management Program

Where We Work

We work across Canada through our six regional administrative regions: Newfoundland, Maritimes, Gulf, Québec, Central and Arctic, and Pacific.

Resources We Have Available

• Review proposed works or activities that may affect fish habitat
• Information resources on fish habitat management
• Educational resources for teachers, parents, and students through the “Big Blue Bus” website. Through this, students can become members of “The Water Wizards” club, which engages youth ages 8-15 in oceans issues and encourages them to get involved in oceans conservation by fostering a sense of community, personal responsibility, and stewardship toward our oceans.
• Through our various initiatives (e.g. Canada’s Stewardship Agenda, the Canadian Biodiversity Strategy, Canada’s Oceans Strategy, etc.) we work with many partners to involve Canadians in stewardship activities.

How to Contact Us

Fish Habitat Management Program
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Edmonton Office
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Alberta Stewardship Network
Land Stewardship Centre of Canada
11.1.6. Health Canada: Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch, Safe Environments Programme (SEP)

Who We Are
Type of group: Federal Government Department Branch Program

Mission:
The Safe Environments Programme (SEP) promotes healthy living, working, and recreational environments by identifying and assessing health risks to Canadians posed by environmental factors.

What We Do
• The Safe Environments Programme (SEP) promotes healthy living, working, and recreational environments by identifying and assessing health risks to Canadians posed by environmental factors.
• There are 5 bureaux under SEP, including:
  o Water Quality & Health Bureau: works with the provinces and territories through the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Committee on Drinking Water (CDW) in the development of the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality. For each of these contaminants, the Guidelines establish the maximum acceptable concentration (MAC) of the substance that can be permitted in water used for drinking. The Guidelines are used by every jurisdiction in Canada and are the basis for establishing drinking water quality requirements for 31 million Canadians.
  o Environmental Contaminants Bureau: The Environmental Contaminants Bureau assesses the human health risks of toxic substances and environmental contaminants in accordance with the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.
  o Environmental Health Science Bureau conducts research to detect contaminants in the environment and determine their potential impact on human health.
  o Radiation Protection Bureau
  o Health Impacts Bureau is responsible for developing and sharing knowledge on

Resources We Have Available
Resources through the Water Quality and Health Bureau include the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality and their supporting documentation, the Guidelines for Recreational Water Quality, the biennial national drinking water conference, and the Blue Thumb project for the annual Safe Drinking Water Week.

How to Contact Us:
Health Canada, AL 0900C2
2720 Riverside Drive, AL 6604B
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9
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Fax: (613) 941-5366
TTY: 1-800-267-1245
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Web site: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/waterquality

Water Quality and Health Bureau
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11.1.7. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

Who We Are
Mandate:
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) is responsible for two separate yet equally important mandates: Indian and Inuit Affairs and Northern Affairs. INAC’s mandate is complex and its responsibilities encompass a broad range of services.

What We Do
• In general, INAC has primary, but not exclusive, responsibility for meeting the federal government’s constitutional, treaty, political and legal responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit, and Northerners. To fulfill this mandate, INAC must work collaboratively with First Nations, Inuit and Northerners, as well as with other federal departments and agencies, provinces and territories;
• In Indian and Inuit Affairs, the department’s primary role is to support First Nations and Inuit in developing healthy, sustainable communities and in achieving their economic and social aspirations. INAC negotiates comprehensive and specific land claims and self-government agreements on behalf of the federal government, oversees implementation of settlements and promotes economic development;
• INAC can represent First Nations and provide a liaison function regarding water developments that could affect First Nations; INAC has responsibilities respecting water developments that might impact First Nations and Inuit;
• Responsibility for drinking water is shared between First Nation Band Councils and the federal government. Generally, First Nation Band Councils have had prime responsibility for ensuring that water facilities are designed, constructed, maintained and operated in accordance with established federal or provincial standards, whichever are more stringent; and
• INAC provides funding to First Nations to assist them in the provision of water services within the reserve community and monitors the design, construction, and maintenance of the facilities. INAC also provides funding assistance for operating and maintaining First Nations water and sewer facilities, and for the training of staff, including water treatment plant operators, who will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of these facilities.

Where We Work
Across Canada

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Web: www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ab/index_e.html
11.1.8. Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)

Who We Are
Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) is a federal government department specializing in the sustainable development and use of natural resources, energy, minerals and metals, forests and earth sciences. At NRCan, we deal with natural resource issues that are important to Canadians. We look at these issues from both a national and international perspective, using our expertise in science and technology, policy and programs. How we manage our land and resources today will determine the quality of life for Canadians both now and in the future.

What We Do
Centre for Topographic Information Office (CTI-O)
- Responsible for the acquisition, management, and dissemination of topographic information for the Canadian landscape.

Canada Map Office: Produces topographic maps at scales of 1/50 000 and 1/250 000 for a variety of applications, from camping, canoeing, fishing and hiking to urban planning, resource development and surveying. The Canada Map Office no longer distributes maps directly to the public. Contact the Regional Distribution Centre for Alberta (address below).

National Air Photo Library (NAPL): The Centre is the custodian of the federal aerial photography archives and offers aerial photography reproduction and distribution services. The archives contain over six million aerial photographs covering all of Canada, some of which date back to the 1920s.

Geographical Names Database: Contains some 500 000 records, over two-thirds of which are currently official names, as approved by the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names (CPCGN). It is the fundamental national data base to provide official names of mapping and charting, gazetteer production, and World Wide Web reference, and other geo-referenced digital systems. At present, over 30 attributes may be stored for any name, and the data base is updated on a daily basis.

Where We Work
Across Canada

11.1.9. Parks Canada Agency

Who We Are
Type of group: Agency under the Ministry of Canadian Heritage.

Mandate: On behalf of the people of Canada, we protect and present nationally significant examples of Canada’s natural and cultural heritage and foster public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment in ways that ensure their ecological and commemorative integrity for present and future generations.

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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E9
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Email: NAPL@NRCan.gc.ca
Web: http://airphotos.nrcan.gc.ca

Regional Distribution Centre for Topographic Maps:
Map Connection Ltd.
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Calgary, AB T2P 0L6
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Fax: (403) 266-0935
Email: sales@mapconnection.com
Web: www.mapconnection.com

Canada Map Office
Mapping Services Branch
Room 180
615 Booth Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E9
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Web: maps.nrcan.gc.ca/main.html

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Phone: (819) 997-7798
Fax: (819) 997-5974
Email: information@pc.gc.ca
Web: parkscanada.pch.gc.ca/default_flash.html

Resources We Have Available
- Information on topographic maps and map interpretation
- Searchable database of air photos from across Canada (NAPL On-Line) that can be ordered for a fee
- Canadian Geographical Names Data Base (CGNDB), providing digital data and gazetteers
- Educational resources on geographical place names

What We Do
- We plan, operate, and manage the National Parks, Heritage sites, and Marine Conservation Areas across Canada
- National Parks are a country-wide system of representative natural areas of Canadian significance. By law, they are protected for public understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment, while being maintained in an unimpaired state for future generations. National Parks have existed in Canada for well over a century.
- The national historic sites component of Parks Canada is responsible for Canada’s program of historical commemoration, which recognizes nationally significant places, persons, and events. All such designations are made by the Minister of the Environment on the advice of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

Where We Work
The National Parks in Alberta are: Banff, Elk Island, Jasper, and Waterton Lakes. The National Historic Sites of Alberta include: Banff Park Museum, Bar U Ranch, Cave and Basin, and Rocky Mountain House. A full list of the National Parks, Heritage sites, and Marine Conservation Areas across Canada is available on the Parks Canada website.

Resources We Have Available
Various educational resources, including an on-line library of publications and a “teacher’s corner” on the Parks Canada website.

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Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0M5
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Email: information@pc.gc.ca
Web: parkscanada.pch.gc.ca/default_flash.html
12. NATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

12.1.1. Canada’s Stewardship Communities Network (CSCN)

Who We Are
Canada’s Stewardship Communities Network is an engaged and evolving forum committed to helping guide the implementation of Canada’s Stewardship Agenda. CSCN is an informal, national-based network comprised of representatives from the range of Stewardship Communities of Interest (e.g. stewards of watersheds, woodlands, ecological monitoring, biodiversity conservation) that are leading the stewardship and wise use of natural resources leading to the sustainability of ecosystems. The group came together to support the continued implementation of Canada’s Stewardship Agenda (2002).

Type of group: Unregistered network

Mission:
Support the continued implementation of Canada’s Stewardship Agenda. The Network is dedicated to promoting improved cooperation among stewardship programs and coordination with conservation and sustainable use initiatives.

What We Do
At the time of production of this document, CSCN’s Work Plan was still being developed. Probable priorities are likely to include the following:

- Completing the expectations of the Leading Edge Stewardship Conference (2003) and assisting with the planning, delivery and follow-up of the next Stewardship Conference (Cornerbrook, July 2006)
- Promote linkages among Canada’s diverse stewardship initiatives and the development of a more integrated stewardship action plan
- Report on stewardship actions and progress
- Encourage integrated government policy and actions that respect regional differences and local delivery mechanisms
- Help stewardship organizations become connected to the larger community of stewardship interests, and become stronger.

Where We Work
National scale with the support of national and provincial level organizations.

Resources We Have Available
- The CSCN is a leading influence in the Stewardship Canada portal (see section 12.1.17)
- The CSCN is eager to provide advice to organizations that wish to enhance their capacity for stewardship through the benefits of connecting with others across Canada

How to Contact Us
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12.1.2. Canadian Water Resources Association (CWRA), Alberta Branch

Who We Are
The Alberta Branch, CWRA is composed of private and public sector water resource professionals including managers, administrators, scientists, academics, students, and users. A volunteer Board of Directors, elected annually from the membership, have full and complete power to operate the business of the Branch in all its aspects.

Type of group:
The Alberta Branch, Canadian Water Resources Association is registered as a society, under the Alberta Societies Act.

Mission/Objectives:
The Alberta Branch/CWRA objectives are:
- To stimulate awareness and understanding of Alberta’s/Canada’s water resources;
- To encourage recognition of the high priority and value of water;
- To provide a forum for the exchange of information and opinion relating to the management of Alberta’s/Canada’s water; and
- To participate with appropriate agencies in international water management activities.

What We Do
The Alberta Branch activities include:
- Organizing conferences, symposiums, workshops and seminars
- Partnering with other organizations to promote wise water management
- Providing input to governments regarding water management policy
- Sponsorship of water awareness initiatives (e.g. signage along the wetlands nature pathway in Calgary)
- Encouraging and coordinating water resources information from Branch members for the CWRA Water News newsletter and the Canadian Water Resources Journal
- Publishing a quarterly Branch newsletter.

Where We Work
The Alberta Branch serves primarily the CWRA members resident in Alberta. The Branch does collaborate and partner with the CWRA and other Branches nationwide to promote wise water management.

Resources We Have Available
The Alberta Branch will partner with Watershed Stewardship Groups:
- To sponsor and organize conferences, symposiums, workshops and seminars to promote watershed stewardship;
- To co-ordinate watershed stewardship information for publication in the Canadian Water Resources Journal, the Water News newsletter, or the Branch newsletter; and
- To post up-coming events from watershed stewardship groups on the Branch website.

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CWRA Membership Services
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Alberta Stewardship Network
Land Stewardship Centre of Canada
12.1.3. Community Mapping Network

Who We Are
The Community Mapping Network (CMN) shares a wealth of natural resource information and maps with communities in British Columbia and Canada.

Type of group: The Community Mapping Network is made up of a number of community groups, organizations, and individuals that collect and map natural resource information. A steering committee is responsible for managing CMN that includes representatives from various government agencies and community groups.

Objective: To promote planning sustainable communities.

What We Do
Selected CMN activities:
- Integrates data from many sources and makes it accessible through a user friendly mapping system. There are many uses of the information including community planning, storm water management, habitat restoration and enhancement, watershed planning, development referrals, impact assessment, coastal planning, research, education and awareness, and emergency response.
- Developing mapping tools for the Stewardship Canada Portal (see section 12.1.17)
- Uses a network of servers to provide internet access to resource information, base maps and imagery.
- Develops common methods and standards for data collection.
- Links community based mapping with government data bases such as the Canada/BC Fisheries Information Summary Systems (FISS) and the Coastal Resource Information System (CRIS).
- Creates an open forum for discussing the use and management of natural resources.
- Promotes planning sustainable communities.

Where We Work
Across Canada, with much of our work currently occurring in British Columbia.

Resources We Have Available
- Capacity building for collecting and managing resource information; e.g. through workshops and on-line resources.
- Information about watershed management, stream ecology, fish and wildlife habitat and restoration opportunities.

12.1.4. Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC)

Who We Are:
Ducks Unlimited Canada
Type of group: Private, not for profit company

Mission/Objectives:
Ducks Unlimited Canada’s mission is to conserve, restore, and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America’s waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people.

What We Do
DUC’s conservation efforts take many forms:
- On-the-ground work is guided by the wetland and environmental research of DUC’s scientists.
- DUC works to change policy in favour of wetland and habitat conservation.
- DUC also delivers wetland and environmental education programs to teach Canadians about wetlands and the need to conserve them.
- DUC’s watershed management information and resources are provided primarily through our work directly with Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs) and groups such as the Alberta Stewardship Network (ASN) (see section 10.1.9).

Where We Work
Across Canada

Resources We Have Available
- Scientific expertise related to wetland and conservation research
- Programs and technical support for wetland and upland habitat restoration and retention projects
- Geographic Information System (GIS) support and expertise (mapping etc.)
- Fact sheets/handouts
- Presentations on such topics as watershed function, wetland function/values, natural capital etc.

- Watershed planning and organizational resources including group formation, goal setting etc.
- Expertise and advice in wildlife habitat management
- Watershed related technical information.
- Upland forage establishment and management expertise
- Wetland resources for teachers and students

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Camrose, AB T4V 1N5
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Edmonton
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Red Deer, AB T4N 1L1
Phone: (403) 342-1314
12.1.6. Land Stewardship Centre of Canada (LSCC)

See section 10.1.18

12.1.7. Living-by-Water Project

Who We Are

The Living by Water Project (LbW) focuses on the relationship between natural shorelines and shoreline communities by ensuring that permanent or seasonal residents have the knowledge and tools necessary to understand their effect on fisheries, habitat or wildlife resources, and water quality in their communities.

Type of group:

Living by Water is a project administered by the Federation of Alberta Naturalists. It is a not-for-profit organization incorporated under Alberta’s Societies Act, as well as registered as a charitable organization. The Living by Water Project is also a national initiative with regional offices in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan/Manitoba, and Ontario.

Mission:

Working towards healthier human and wildlife habitat along the shorelines of Canada

What We Do

- Encourage ongoing education by providing an easy-to-read reference resource that helps shoreline residents ‘save time and money, protect their health and safeguard their investment’
- Enable a continuum of awareness, understanding and action by providing contact information to water-related agencies (found in the handbook) to facilitate communication and transfers of knowledge
- Benefit fish habitat by educating shoreline residents, those individuals with the most direct impact on fish habitat about the benefits of natural shorelines, buffer zones and “doing nothing” to their precious shorelines
- Create general awareness among shoreline residents and visitors about the positive effects of individual actions thereby facilitating positive community actions and cumulative effects.

Where We Work

Throughout Alberta

Resources We Have Available

- Homesite Evaluation Program for shoreline property owners: Advisors work with residents to identify changes to home or property to improve shoreline/water quality friendliness
- Workshop-in-a-box kits for shoreline residents, organizations, and communities: Topics include healthy shorelines, erosion, on-site wastewater treatment, recreation, and water quality
- Various brochures and publications including “Waterfront Living”, and “I want to protect my shoreline property”
- Presentations

How to Contact Us

c/o Federation of Alberta Naturalists
11759 Groat Road
Edmonton, AB T5M 3K6
Phone: (780) 427-8124
Fax: (780) 422-2663 c/o FAN
Email: shorelines@fanweb.ca
Web: www.livingbywater.ca

12.1.8. National Watershed Stewardship Coalition

Who We Are

A coalition (unincorporated) of stewardship organizations formed to carry on work initiated during policy discussion fora, prior to the Leading Edge Stewardship Conference in Victoria in 2003. Currently we are working to advance watershed stewardship by promoting the implementation of recommendations made in Victoria.

Mission:

To advance watershed stewardship across Canada by building partnerships and supporting individuals, communities and organizations dedicated to the improvement or maintenance of our life support systems which include: clean air, clean water, healthy soils, and native biological diversity.

Goals:

- To advance watershed stewardship by encouraging all orders of government to support the needs of individuals and community groups carrying out watershed stewardship programs and activities in Canada.
- Advance watershed stewardship activities through broad-based partnerships.
- Report on progress associated with advancing watershed stewardship in Canada.

What We Do

Work to encourage all orders of governments to support community groups, private and public land managers implement best/beneficial management practices within a watershed or group of watersheds which encompasses all the lands and waters draining to a natural outlet,
Where We Work
Nationally, we represent five regions across Canada, including: Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, and Pacific.

Resources We Have Available
- Brochure: The Path Towards Effective Watershed Stewardship Across Canada
- A national voice for promoting the importance of community-based watershed groups in helping to advance the effectiveness of stewardship across Canada.
- Individual members of the Coalition have access to information and contacts to assist local stewardship groups to meet their needs.

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12.1.9. Nature Canada
Who We Are
Registered as Non-profit, charitable organization
Mission:
Nature Canada’s mission is to conserve and protect nature – Canada’s natural diversity of plant and animal species and their environment.

What We Do
- Important Bird Area Conservation Program
- Protected Areas Program (Establishment of National Parks, National Wildlife Areas and Ecological Integrity of existing areas)
- Nature Education
- International Bird Conservation and Integrated Development Program
- Endangered Species
- The Nature Network (facilitating communication amongst the naturalist community)

Where We Work
We work on issues of national and international significance relating to bird conservation, endangered species, ecological integrity but also work with members/organizations doing on-the ground conservation activities.

Resources We Have Available
- "Living-by-Water" Stewardship programs designed to support shoreline residents with stewardship activities (see section 12.1.7)

How to Contact Us
1 Nicholas Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 7B7
Phone: 1-800-267-4088
Web: www.naturecanada.ca

12.1.10. Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC)
Who We Are
Type of group:
Non-profit land trust society
Mission:
The Nature Conservancy of Canada is a national land trust dedicated to preserving ecologically significant natural areas, places of special beauty and educational interest through outright purchase, donations, and conservation agreements.

What We Do
- Conservation easements
- Land Acquisitions (land purchase)
- Land Stewardship

Where We Work
Throughout Alberta, including Rocky Mountain Front (east slopes), Grasslands, Parkland and Boreal ecoregions

Resources We Have Available
- Conservation Easements
- Land Stewardship – including monitoring protocols

How to Contact Us
830, 1202 Centre Street SE
Calgary, AB T2G 5A5
Phone: (403) 262-1253
Web: www.natureconservancy.ca

12.1.11. North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP)
Who We Are
Type of group:
Not registered. The Alberta NAWMP Partnership has a Board of Directors with a functioning structure of Committees and Sub-committees. Mainstream partners include Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, Alberta Agriculture, Food & Rural Development, Alberta Environment, Environment Canada (CWS), Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the Nature Conservancy of Canada and Ducks Unlimited Canada.

Mission:
Provide leadership to achieve healthy and diverse bird populations through conservation partnerships. These partnerships strive for sustainable and responsible management of the landscape taking into account social, economic, and environmental factors.

What We Do
The Alberta NAWMP Partnership is highly engaged with Watershed Stewardship Groups throughout the province. There are two staff dedicated to watershed stewardship groups in areas of high priority for waterfowl and other wetland dependent birds. Outside these priority areas the Alberta NAWMP Partnership has partnership representation on stewardship groups. We are committed to ensuring healthy watersheds in Alberta.

Some of our activities include:
- Promotion of sustainable land use practices through extension programs
- Negotiation of long-term securement agreements with landowners to protect and restore habitat
- Evaluation our effectiveness in an adaptive management process
- Lobbying for changes to legislation, policies and programs at all levels of government
- Funding and implementing wildlife damage compensation and prevention programs
- Working in partnership with many other agencies/companies

Where We Work
We work throughout the Prairie, Aspen Parkland, Peace Parkland and Boreal Forest Biomes of Alberta

Resources We Have Available
- Advanced research capability
- Wetland inventory and land use data
- Advanced GIS capability
- Extensive habitat securement expertise
- Communications expertise and publications
- Sustainable land use extension specialists

How to Contact Us
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Edmonton, AB T5S 1J3
Phone: (780) 930-1244
12.1.12. North American Wetlands Conservation Council (NAWCC)

Who We Are
The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Canada) (NAWCC) was established in 1990 by the federal Minister of the Environment to provide national leadership for the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, and to take a leadership role in wetlands policy and awareness. NAWCC members are drawn from federal, provincial and/or territorial governments and from non-governmental organizations.

What We Do
• Oversee the North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) in Canada
• Regular review and endorsement of Canadian proposals for funding under The North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA)
• Establishment and review of the assignment of NAWCA funds among habitat Joint Ventures and other regional delivery mechanisms in Canada
• Facilitate, encourage and monitor the development and implementation of wetland policies, wetland programs and wetland awareness in Canada; facilitate Canadian involvement in Ramsar and other international wetland conservation initiatives
• Other activities pertaining to The North America Wetlands Conservation Act, the North American Waterfowl Management Plan or wetland related issues

Where We Work
Across Canada

Resources We Have Available
Variety of publications

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Fax: (819) 934-6017

12.1.13. Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development

Who We Are
The Pembina Institute is an independent, not-for-profit environmental policy research and education organization.

Type of Group
Not for profit organization

What We Do
The Pembina Institute’s major policy research and education programs are in the areas of sustainable energy, climate change, environmental governance, ecological fiscal reform, sustainability indicators, and the environmental impacts of the energy industry. Charitable environmental education and research programs are carried out in conjunction with the Pembina Institute’s sister organization, the GAIA Foundation for Earth Education.

Where We Work
Across Canada. Founded in Drayton Valley, Alberta, the Pembina Institute has offices in Drayton Valley, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, and Ottawa.

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Fax: (403) 269-3377
Web: www.pembina.org

12.1.14. Pheasants Forever Canada

Who We Are
Pheasants Forever Canada Inc. was formed in 1992 by a small group dedicated to improving habitat for upland game birds in Western Canada. It is affiliated with Pheasants Forever Inc. based in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Type of Group
Non-profit organization, registered charitable organization.

Mission
To provide leadership to achieve healthy and diverse bird populations through conservation partnerships. These partnerships strive for sustainable and responsible management of the landscape taking into account social, economic, and environmental factors.

What We Do
Habitat conservation programs in Prairie Canada.

Where We Work
Prairie and Parkland regions of southern prairie Canada, with some Peace Parkland of Alberta and British Columbia.

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12.1.15. Prairie Habitat Joint Venture

Who We Are
Type of group: Government and non-governmental partnership

Mission: To provide leadership to achieve healthy and diverse bird populations through conservation partnerships. These partnerships strive for sustainable and responsible management of the landscape taking into account social, economic, and environmental factors.

What We Do
Habitat conservation programs in Prairie Canada.

Where We Work
Prairie and Parkland regions of southern prairie Canada, with some Peace Parkland of Alberta and British Columbia.

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12.1.16. Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS)

Who We Are
Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is a nonprofit scientific and educational organization founded in 1943 that serves as an advocate for conservation professionals and for science-based conservation practice, programs, and policy. SWCS has over 7,000 members around the world. They include researchers, administrators, planners, policymakers, technical advisors, teachers, students, farmers, and ranchers. Our members come from nearly every academic discipline and many different public, private, and nonprofit institutions.

Type of group: Non-profit society
Mission: Our mission is to foster the science and art of natural resource conservation.

What We Do
- Our work targets conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources on working land—the land used to produce food, fibre, and other services that improve the quality of life people experience in rural and urban communities. We work to discover, develop, implement, and constantly improve ways to use land that sustains its productive capacity and enhances the environment at the same time.
- Current projects include:
  - “Beyond T”: SWCS will develop a blueprint for new soil management standards and planning tools and facilitate tests of their utility and workability. The goal is to build consensus that new standards and tools are needed and build confidence that the task is feasible.
  - Conservation Effects Assessment Project: The Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is taking on a project to document the status of our knowledge regarding the effect of agricultural conservation practices on environmental quality. The first stage of the 5-year project focuses on conservation practices used in cropping systems.

Where We Work
Internationally, with local chapters throughout Canada.

Resources We Have Available
Information and education to those interested in natural resource and environmental management.

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Fax: (515) 289-1227
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Canadian Chapters

12.1.17. Stewardship Canada Portal

Who We Are
We host a national on-line stewardship network ("web portal") to support a stewardship knowledge network. We host provincial networks through "hubs" and communities of interest (COI) based on broad themes (such as woodlots, citizen science monitoring etc.) that are linked to the main Stewardship Canada site. Supporters of the portal come from an array of non-government and government sources, notably a significant investment by the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans to initiate the effort, and the invaluable continued support of the Habitat Stewardship Division of Environment Canada.

Type of group: We are not registered
Mission: The mandate of the Stewardship Canada portal is to facilitate broad access to specific, relevant, and complete information needed by stewards. It is the internet tool that connects the diverse network of stewardship across Canada.

What We Do
The Stewardship Canada administration team leads the development, sharing, and leveraging of interactive web applications that are valued by the leading stewardship organizations across Canada. The portal is built on a secure network server(s) linked to high speed internet service. Stewardship Canada is supported by an experienced systems and portal site development team.

Resources We Have Available
- Funders Guide: A searchable directory of funders that support stewardship and their projects throughout Canada. Organizations Directory: A searchable self-registry service identifying Stewardship Organizations in Canada. You can add (or edit) your organization, or locate others with similar interests, in your community, or across the country.
- Web Links Library: A searchable, annotated, and expanding self-registry service of stewardship web resources submitted by users and administrators from across the country.
- Demonstration Projects: A searchable self-registry catalogue of stewardship projects (currently mostly in Ontario) that provides a great resource for sharing and reporting of project information. You can add your own project and experience to this knowledge database.
- Case Studies: Similar to the Demonstration Projects, this service provides information and review about large scale stewardship initiatives, programs, or projects.
- The Stewardship Series and Streamkeepers publications include PDF files and options for downloading, printing, or ordering copies.
- Forums: A summary of Stewardship Forums such as the Voluntary Sector Initiative and current forums.
- Upcoming Initiatives: Plans are in place to enhance or add more of the priority tools and services as the partnership in the portal grows.

Where We Work
Virtually, across Canada

How to Contact Us
Email: administrator@stewardshipcanada.ca

12.1.18. Trout Unlimited Canada (TUC)

Who We Are
Trout Unlimited Canada (TUC) has approximately 4000 members in 22 Chapters across the country. TUC’s national office is in Calgary, Alberta.

Type of group: Registered Canadian Charity
Mission: To conserve, protect and restore Canada’s freshwater ecosystems for current and future generations.

What We Do
- At the Chapter level, members volunteer their time and effort to preserve coldwater habitat within local watersheds.
- TUC administers a youth environmental education program, Yellow Fish Road. This national program has taught thousands of
Canadian children about the importance of clan water, as well as how they can have a positive impact on water quality right in their own community. Visit www.yellowfishroad.org.

Where We Work
We have members, chapters, and programs in all Canadian provinces.

Resources We Have Available
- Scientific expertise
- Experience in working within partnerships of like-minded organizations to reach common goals
- Administrative and communications support
- A library of aquatics and fisheries-related reports and materials
- Fundraising infrastructure

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12.1.19. Wildlife Habitat Canada (WHC)

Who We Are
Wildlife Habitat Canada (WHC) is a national, non-profit, conservation organization which was established in 1984 by Environment Canada, provincial wildlife agencies and conservation agencies within the wildlife habitat coalition. WHC works through partnerships with communities, landowners, governments, non-government organizations, and industry to find effective solutions to complex environmental problems facing wildlife habitat.

Type of group: Charitable organization
Mission: WHC’s mission is to champion wildlife habitat stewardship by building capacity in the conservation community and affecting change in policies and practices having an impact on habitats.

What We Do
- WHC has funded hundreds of stewardship projects across Canada, and established stewardship recognition programs to ensure that those who excel in the management of our natural resources are duly recognized.
- WHC is also actively involved in supporting Canada’s Stewardship Agenda through our management of StewardshipCanada.ca, a web-based resource for the conservation community.
- We are also working in partnership with a number of organizations to advance science based environmental monitoring programs through our Citizen Science project.

Where We Work
Across Canada

Resources We Have Available
- Benthic monitoring online analysis please visit our website: www.citizenscience.ca for more information

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Ottawa, Ontario K2C 2B5
Phone: (613) 722-2090
Toll-free: 1-800-669-7919 ext. 234
Fax: (613) 722-3318
Email: reception@whc.org
Web: www.whc.org

12.1.20. Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (Y2Y)

Who We Are
The Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative is a joint Canadian-U.S. network of over 800 organizations, institutions, foundations, and conservation-minded individuals who have recognized the value of working together to restore and maintain the unique natural heritage of the Yellowstone to Yukon region and the quality of life it offers. The Initiative dates to late 1993, when a group of top scientists and conservationists met near Calgary, Alberta, to talk about the possibility of applying the principles of conservation biology to the Rockies of Canada and the northern U.S. In 1996, the group declared itself an operative network and hired a coordinator. A small office was opened in Canmore, Alberta, in January 1997.

Type of group: Network

What We Do
- Combining science and stewardship, we seek to ensure that the world- renowned wilderness, wildlife, native plants, and natural processes of the Yellowstone to Yukon region continue to function as an interconnected web of life, capable of supporting all of the natural and human communities that reside within it, for now and for future generations.

Where We Work
The Yellowstone to Yukon ecoregion is part of the westernmost ecoregion of North America. From Coosville in west-central Wyoming at latitude 42°, Y2Y stretches northwest for 3200 km (1,990 mi.) to the Peel River at latitude 66° in the northern Yukon, only 60 km (37 mi.) south of the Arctic Circle. The southeastern edge of the region is near Riverton, Wyoming, at longitude 109°; the northwest tip touches the Yukon/Alaska boundary at longitude 141°. The region ranges from 200-800 km wide (125-500 mi.), corresponding with ecological boundaries along the eastern montane-foothills and the western inland-coastal watersheds. The boundaries of the study area are both fuzzy and permeable, changing with the species or process under consideration. The region includes some of the most spectacular wilderness in the world and hosts not only a rich diversity of wild habitats and creatures, but also a wide variety of human communities and cultures.

Resources We Have Available
- Y2Y offers a number of resources in the form of databases, reports, and maps to help people get involved and shape the way our vision is applied on the ground. These are usually found elsewhere on this site but we’ve also collected them together to provide them here all in one place for your use.
- Science Grants program funds research partnerships between scientists and conservation organizations that lead to increased understanding of ecological connectivity in the Y2Y region, enhanced advocacy efforts, and policies that benefit wildlife and critical habitats.

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SECTION 5: PRIVATE SECTOR STEWARDSHIP AND RESOURCES

13. BUSINESSES WITH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS

13.1. BUSINESSES WITH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS

13.1.1. Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Commission

Who We Are
Type of group: Regional Services Commission (corporation) regulated under the Municipal Government Act
Mission: Our mission is to provide safe, reliable, cost-efficient, and environmentally responsible wastewater transmission and treatment service. We are committed to sustaining the quality of life in the Region while supporting the growth and development of our member communities.

What We Do
- Transmission and treatment of wastewater from member municipalities, with treated effluent discharged to the North Saskatchewan River upstream of Fort Saskatchewan
- Set standards and guidelines for wastewater quality and flow rates from member municipalities
- Meet or exceed effluent standards specified in Alberta Environment Approval 486-01-00
- Apply innovative technologies possible (e.g. use of digester biogas for cogeneration)
- Provide facility tours for University, NAIT, schools and interest groups

Where We Work
The Commission’s treatment plant is located in Strathcona County.
Members of the Commission are:
- Cities: Fort Saskatchewan, Leduc, Spruce Grove and St. Albert
- Towns: Beaumont, Bon Accord, Gibbons, Morinville and Stony Plain
- Counties: Leduc, Parkland, Strathcona and Sturgeon

Resources We Have Available
- Wastewater effluent monitoring data
- Facility tours

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Web: www.acrwc.ab.ca

13.1.2. Alberta Environmental Farm Plan Company

Who We Are
Our core business is a voluntary self assessment program targeted to agricultural producers, comprised of four key elements:
- Creating awareness
- Developing and delivering self assessment tools
- Developing and delivering review process
- Developing and facilitating linkages
Type of group: A non-profit company
Mission: To facilitate the awareness and adoption of environmental stewardship practices by Alberta farmers and ranchers and to do so by continuously advancing the Environmental Farm Plan program in response to new opportunities and risks facing production agriculture

What We Do
- Creating awareness
- Developing and delivering self assessment tools
- Developing and delivering review process
- Developing and facilitating linkages

Where We Work
Throughout Alberta

Resources We Have Available
- Understanding of agricultural environmental actions being considered within political boundaries – without targeting regions or specific industries.

How to Contact Us
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The Alberta Environmental Farm Plan Company
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Edmonton, AB T6H 5R7
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Toll-Free: 1-866-844-2337
Fax: (780) 436-2382
Web: www.albertaEFP.com

13.1.3. Alberta Research Council Inc.

Who We Are
For Farmers and Ranchers within the watershed:
- Voluntary environmental self assessment with action plan – this is targeted at the farmers and ranchers within a watershed.
- Connection to project funding to assist in making changes on the farm
- Connection to resources to assist in making changes on the farm.

For watershed planners:
- Water quality testing and laboratory services
- Expertise in hydrology, air and water quality
- Fish, biota, sediment and plant material analysis

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Alberta Environment
Alberta Stewardship Network
Land Stewardship Centre of Canada
13.1.4. Alberta Unlimited

Who We Are
Type of group: Non-profit corporation
Mission: Providing communities with expertise in Regional Land Management and conservation design.

What We Do
- Planning
- Advocacy
- Facilitation
- Community stewardship projects
- Public spaces
- Policy development

Resources We Have Available
Consulting expertise, research, facilitation

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13.1.5. EPCOR Utilities Inc.

Who We Are
Type of group: Corporation
Mission/Objectives: The mission of EPCOR’s Watershed Protection Program is to provide quality water in sufficient quantity for our water treatment plants through:
- Developing and maintaining partnerships
- Acquiring technical knowledge
- Encouraging beneficial management practices
- Creating public and employee awareness

What We Do
In the watersheds in which we operate, we strive to:
- Develop and maintain a network of stakeholders
- Acquire technical knowledge of water quality, quantity and land use, and related issues
- Promote strategies and beneficial management practices to protect or improve water quality and quantity
- Enhance public awareness and concern about watershed issues

Where We Work
In Alberta we treat water in Edmonton, Canmore, Strathmore, and Red Deer County. Our Watershed Protection Program typically focuses on the watershed upstream of our water treatment facilities.

Resources We Have Available
We have expertise in water quality, laboratory services, and consulting and we provide funding and in-kind support to the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance. In the past, we have also provided funding to local Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture groups.

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13.1.6. Piikani First Nation: Piikani Environmental Services Ltd.

Who We Are
Type of group: For-profit and volunteer First Nations Environmental Services

What We Do
Perform environmental services on and off reserves. Do some limited volunteer work under special circumstances.

Where We Work
On and off First Nations reserves

Resources We Have Available
Various environmental services.

How to Contact Us
Phone: (403) 965-3940

13.1.7. Synergy Alberta

Who We Are
Type of group: Provincial support network made up of various stakeholders (community, industry, and government).
Mission: Fostering and supporting mutually satisfactory outcomes in Alberta communities by providing information, mutual learning, communication, skill development, facilitations, and resources.

What We Do
- Synergy Alberta provides a variety of information, services, and tools to support the work of local community groups.
- We focus on the oil and gas industry but address other industries as well.
- Synergy Alberta has an on-line database (Group Directory) of information on synergy groups and other related groups operating in Alberta.

Where We Work
Throughout Alberta

Resources We Have Available
- Website with on-line directory of participants and other resources
- Newsletter
- Regular conferences with forums on a variety of topics to promote dialogue between industry and community groups.

How to Contact Us
Email: info@synergyalberta.ca
Web: www.synergyalberta.ca

13.2. INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS

13.2.1. Alberta Beef Producers

Who We Are:
The Alberta Beef Producers Association (ABPA) is a non-profit industry organization, representing 62 member companies that manufacture lumber, panelboard, pulp and paper and secondary manufactured wood products in the province. The forest products industry is Alberta’s third largest manufacturing industry and second largest manufacturing export industry, while providing significant economic contributions to more than 50 provincial communities. AFPA member companies have been, and continue to be active participants in sustainability advancements that benefit our industry and our environment

Type of group: Not-for-profit industry association

Mission/Objectives:
Our membership:
• Is dedicated to stewardship and sustainable development of the forest resource;
• Is committed to working with the public and government to achieve fair and effective policies and legislation;
• Is committed to maximizing an accessible sustainable fibre supply while recognizing the other values of the forest;
• Is committed to maintaining open-market access for our members’ products;
• Is dedicated to responsible wildlife management and environmental protection.

What We Do
The Alberta Forest Products Association operates or administers a number of programs and initiatives on behalf of our members, including:

- Coordination of health and safety activities
- Lumber grading and quality control
- Industry promotion, public education, issues management, public and government relations, and other resources
- Liaison with other associations and organizations in the forest products industry, suppliers, and others who use the forested landbase.

FORESTCARE
- Members of the Alberta Forest Products Association created FORESTCARE in 1990, a program of continual improvement in the province’s forest products industry. Members who commit time, money and resources to meet, and in many cases, exceed program targets are proud to display the FORESTCARE trademark. FORESTCARE helps and encourages AFPA members to continually improve their performance in six target areas:
  - Forest Sustainability: Member companies will ensure that harvest levels do not exceed the capacity of the forest, that all harvested areas are reforested, and that harvest and reforestation methods foster a healthy new forest, supporting a diversity of species.
  - Multiple Use of the Forest: Member companies will manage their activities on forest lands for multiple uses and values, including timber growth and harvest, watershed protection, wildlife and aquatic habitat and recreational and aesthetic benefits.
  - Environmental Protection: Member companies will manage their forest and manufacturing operations in a manner that protects the environment, placing special emphasis on the quality of air, water, soil, and habitat.
  - Employee and Public Safety: Member companies will operate in a manner that protects the health and safety of employees, contractors and the general public.
  - Communications: Member companies will be open and responsive to community views and questions regarding the industry.
  - Community Support: Member companies will conduct operations to ensure that the renewable forest resource provides economic activity and employment now and in the future, while conserving other forest values.

Where We Work
AFPA member companies operate throughout the province of Alberta. The AFPA office is located in Edmonton.

Resources We Have Available
- Series of fact sheets in the ForestInfo series. These two-page ForestInfo sheets are produced by the AFPA as required. They provide straight-forward, factual, easy-to-understand information about the forest industry, its commitment to the forests and forest health, and the products we create that build our province, our country and our world.
- The Forestline electronic newsletter is published monthly to inform AFPA members and the Alberta public about forest industry news, events, and people. Newsletter articles may be reprinted, provided the AFPA and Forestline are acknowledged. Archived issues of Forestline are available on-line.
- On-line list of AFPA members who are dedicated to stewardship and sustainable development of the forest resource.

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13.2.3. Alberta Milk Producers

Who We Are
We represent Alberta’s dairy farmers.
Type of group: Non-profit organization
Mission:
To position Alberta dairy producers development corporation (known as Alberta Pork).

Who We Are
Type of group: Professional
Mission:
Our industry has been a strong advocate for environmental farm plan, which is a program that helps educates producers about agricultural environmental stewardship initiatives.
- We have also developed Beneficial Management Practices, which provides pork producers with information on proven technology and techniques to reduce our emissions to the air and water as well as ensuring proper land management.
- Alberta Pork is also actively engaged in air quality issues through the CASA process.
- Alberta Pork also invests considerable research dollars in key areas.

13.2.4. Alberta Pork Producers Development Corporation

Who We Are
Type of group: Non-profit organization
Mission:
To position Alberta dairy producers development corporation (known as Alberta Pork).

Who We Are
Type of group: Professional
Mission:
Our industry has been a strong advocate for environmental farm plan, which is a program that helps educates producers about agricultural environmental stewardship initiatives.
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- Alberta Pork also invests considerable research dollars in key areas.
environmental issues. This research is funded by producer dollars augmented with grants through programs such as the Alberta Livestock Industry Development Fund or the Canada-Alberta Hog Industry Development Fund. One of the primary objectives of this research is to address environmental issues such as manure, odour, and water. Research activities are carried out in a number of different research centres including the University of Alberta, and the Prairie Swine Centre near Saskatoon.

Where We Work
Alberta has more than 1,500 active pork producers throughout the province. Alberta pork producers raise about 3.5 million pigs per year, which represents about 15 percent of Canadian production.

Resources We Have Available
Extensive resources on livestock related topics such as:
- Nutrient management
- Water conservation
- Pathogens
- Antibiotic Exposure

How to Contact Us
Industry Services
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Edmonton, AB T6E 5K1
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Email: info@albertapork.com

13.2.5. Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers

How to Contact Us
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Email: communication@capp.ca
Web: www.capp.ca

13.2.6. Environmental Services Association of Alberta

Who We Are
Type of group: The Environmental Association of Alberta (ESAA) is a not-for-profit business association.
Mission
We are dedicated to building a strong environment industry through leadership in technology, human resources, quality improvement and market development.

What We Do
Past projects:
- Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Showcase: The GHG Solutions Showcase is an online catalogue of suppliers whose products and services help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Current projects:
- ARPEL Environmental Program: The Environmental Services Association of Alberta (ESAA) has signed a Contribution Agreement with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), to develop a four-and-half year environmental project for the Regional Association of Oil and Natural Gas Companies in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARPEL).

Where We Work
Throughout Alberta

Resources We Have Available
Member services include:
- Up-to-date, accurate information on market and industry changes through our various publications.
- ESAA members are always informed of the changes in environmental regulations that affect their business.
- Membership recognition and promotion through our ESAA Directory, website, and tradeshows.
- ESAA offers a number of forums for networking so that our members have resourceful business contacts.
- ESAA actively lobbies all levels of government and industry on behalf of our member companies for progress in the Alberta Environment industry.
- ESAA’s Board of Directors is actively involved in various stakeholders’ committees which keeps our members informed and involved, and gives them a voice in the environment industry.
- ESAA members enjoy price discounts on trade shows and conference registrations, as well as on advertising space in the ESAA Directory and Weekly News.

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Email: info@esaa.org
Web: www.esaa.org
SECTION 6: FUNDING DIRECTORIES

The following is a partial list of some funding directories that might be of use to stewardship groups in Alberta.

“A Guide to Alberta Programs, Grants and Organizations Relevant to Natural Diversity, Wetlands, Watershed, Wildlife and Habitat”

“Fund Raising Opportunities for Watershed Stewardship Groups in Alberta”
January, 2005. Prepared by Alberta Environment. Currently available on the internet through the Land Stewardship Centre of Canada’s website, at www.landstewardship.org. Also, contact the Alberta Environment information centre at (780) 427-2700 (Toll free by first dialing 310-0000) or email env.infocent@gov.ab.ca.

“Places to Look for Funding in Alberta”
January, 2005. Prepared by Alberta Environment. This document contains links to the following databases and directories:

- **BIG Database Canada**
  This is an on-line resource that allows fundraisers to search through lists of private funders and foundations. There’s a fee to join and search.
  Website: www.bigdatabase.ca

- **Canadian Community Monitoring Network**
  Contains many tools and resources, including a document on fundraising, with links to funders.
  Website: www.ccmn.ca/english/library/bridge_funding/bridge_funding_summ.html

- **Canadian Environmental Grants Network**
  Offers many resources and searchable on-line database.
  Website: www.cegn.org/grantmaking/dbintro.html

- **Environmental Assistance Directory, Alberta Agriculture**
  A list of funders compiled in 2002.
  Website: www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/aesa6464?opendocument

- **Green Source, EcoAction 2000**
  Environment Canada’s Green Source Resource Guide
  Website: www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/gmsrc/index_e.cfm

- **Stewardship Canada**
  Searchable grant and funder database found under the Stewardship Directories Tab.
  Website: www.stewardshipcanada.ca/sc_national/main/index.asp?sProv=ca

“The Canadian Directory to Foundations and Corporations”
Produced by Imagine Canada (formerly the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy), a registered charity that supports Canada’s charities, nonprofit organizations, and socially conscious businesses. For a fee, you can access their on-line directory and search for thousands of foundations and corporations that offer support to organizations. To order visit www.imaginecanada.ca or call 1-800-283-1178 or 416-997-2293 x. 221
NEW OR UPDATED GROUP PROFILE

If you would like to add or update a profile about a stewardship group, support agency, or other resource, please fill out the form below and email, fax, or send it to us at the following address. You may also visit our website to find out when you will be able to add or update your profile electronically.

Alberta Stewardship Network
Interim Secretariat - Land Stewardship Centre of Canada
17503-45 Avenue
Edmonton, AB  T6M 2N3
Phone:  (780) 483-1885
Fax:  (780) 486-9599
Email:  lsc@landstewardship.org
Web:  www.landstewardship.org

Who We Are  (group name) ___________________________________________________
Group description: __________________________________________________________
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Type of group: (e.g. government, corporation, society, etc.) _______________________
Mission: ___________________________________________________________________
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What We Do  (e.g. activities, programs, projects, etc.) ___________________________
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Where We Work  (e.g. geographical location, region served) ___________________  
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Our Resource Needs  (e.g. funding for staff, technical assistance, etc.) ______________
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Resources We Have Available  (e.g. water testing, training, publications, etc.) _______
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