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Asset Based Community Development

Welcome to the *Alberta Land-use Knowledge Network's* new monthly newsletter in which we share information and resources about land use planning in Alberta.

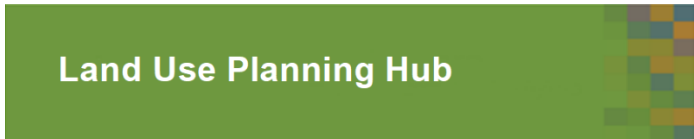
The **Land-use Knowledge Network** was launched in 2011 and the **Land Use Planning Hub** in 2018. These two tools continue to grow and support research-based land use decision making throughout the province

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Source: **Sustaining Community**



The **Land Use Planning Hub** is an informal network that supports the implementation of Alberta's regional plans.

Currently on the Land Use Planning Hub



The spot for solar facilities in communities

Lethbridge County completed a survey to understand what locations would be most suitable for future solar developments. Here's the results of their survey.



How municipalities can promote outdoor recreation in snow and cold

Here are some examples of winter recreation strategies and insights from a researcher at the University of Alberta on ideas to promote winter recreation.



Community Conserve matching grants until Dec. 31

Community Conserve is matching grants up to \$10,000 on five different projects. Municipalities are invited to submit ideas for conservation projects or research, and Community Conserve will match dollar-for-dollar the investment.

For more information about the Land Use Planning Hub, contact the website’s coordinator, [Jeff Wiehler](#)



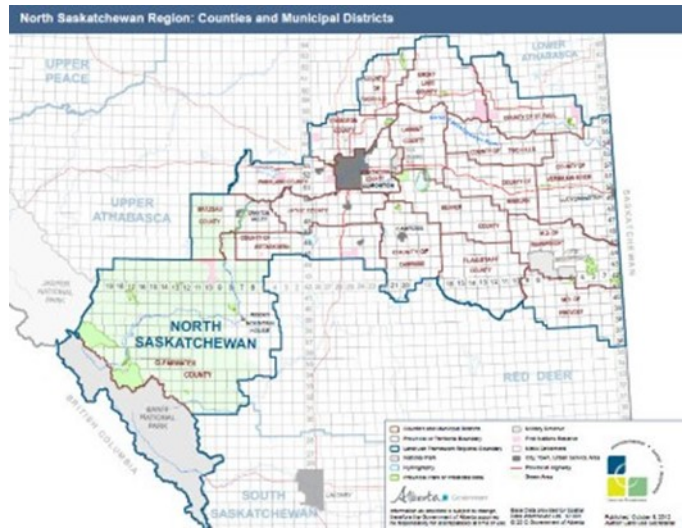
Mapping and Planning Support – Alberta Capital Region

Mapping and Planning Support (MAPS) provides comprehensive mapping services for the Alberta Capital Region. By working with local governments and community groups, MAPS facilitates cross-sectoral collaboration to support service providers and funders to better measure their impact.



The North Saskatchewan Region contains a diverse landscape encompassing Rocky Mountain, rolling foothill and prairie parkland ecosystems. The North Saskatchewan Region includes headwaters forests that provide clean water to downstream communities, mountains foothills, and parkland that support a diversity of habitats that provide homes for species at risk and serves as a major source of recreation and tourism.

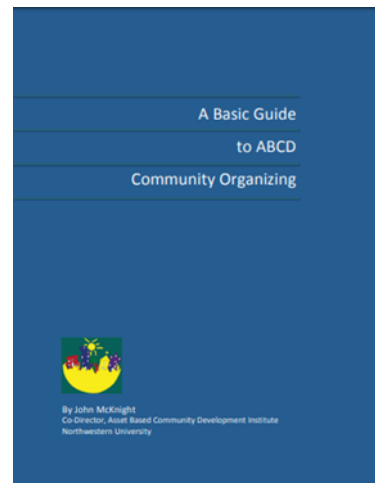
The North Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council



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A Basic Guide to ABCD Community Organizing

The association is the tool to produce the future. A citizen is a person with the awesome power to determine and create a common future. And so it is that the association makes citizenship possible. It empowers us because neighbors can decide what needs to be done, how it can be done and of greatest importance, they are the people who can do it. In associations, we are not consumers. We are not clients. We are citizens with the power to make powerful communities





Asset-Based Community Development at a Glance

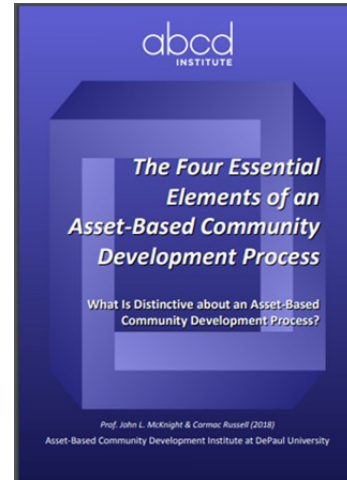
Author Heather Kearn

Asset Based Community Development” or ABCD looks for, and starts from people’s gifts and strengths (assets). These assets equip people to create local opportunities and respond to needs and challenges in their neighbourhoods. ABCD goes beyond any individual’s gifts or particular group’s strengths to consider how these may come together to create broader changes for the common good within a community.

The Four Essential Elements of an Asset-Based Community Development Process: What is Distinctive about an Asset-Based Community Development Process?

The primary goal of an Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) process is to enhance collective citizen visioning and production through a process that combines four essential elements:

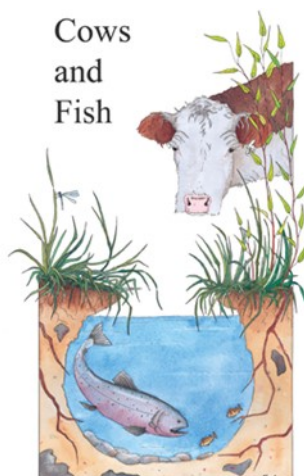
1. Resources
2. Methods
3. Functions
4. Evaluation



Spotlighted Organizations

Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH)

The Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness leads a national movement of individuals, organizations and communities working together to end homelessness in Canada.



Cows and Fish (Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society)

The Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society, also known as "Cows and Fish", is a non-profit society striving to foster a better understanding of how improvements in grazing and other management of riparian areas can enhance landscape health and productivity, for the benefit of landowners, agricultural producers, communities and others who use and value riparian areas.

The **Land-use Knowledge Network** is a repository of a wide variety of resources to support your land use and planning research. Take a look at these items...

Resources on the LuKN

Video - Beth Sanders: **Social Habitat - What it Means**

Video - Dustin Bajer: **The city as a place that maximizes connections**

From Disaster to Renewal: The Centrality of Business Recovery to Community Resilience

2013 Report on the State of Canada's Cities and Communities

EVENTS

If you have an event that you would like to see included in our monthly newsletter, please email **Linda** with the details.

November

Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH): 2019 National Conference on Ending Homelessness
4-6 November 2019, Edmonton

Land Stewardship Centre: Grant Writing Workshop
7 November 2019, Edmonton

Future Cities Canada Summit 2019
7-8 November 2019, Toronto

ALIDP Conference and Trade Show
6-8 November, Calgary

RMA Fall 2019 Convention
13-15 November, Edmonton

Miistakis Institute Wine and Cheese Celebration 2019
20 November, Calgary

Athabasca Watershed Council 10th Anniversary Gala
23 November, Athabasca

February

Applied Land Use Planning Symposium 2020
6 February, 2020, Edmonton

If you have an announcement that you would like to see included in our monthly newsletter, please email **Linda** with the details.

NEWS

The Miistakis Institute is seeking your assistance to understand how they can best support the effort to maintain healthy ecosystems through the research and services we offer. Please help them by completing **this short survey**, which seeks your input on the approaches they use, and the priorities and methods going forward.

The survey will take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete and they would appreciate your response by November 15, 2019.

Solar for Schools Program

The Solar for Schools (SFS) Program provides financial rebates to Alberta Public School Authorities who install solar photovoltaic (PV) systems on existing school facilities or land in their jurisdiction and complete a student education initiative as part of the project. For detailed information on eligibility requirements, available funding, and how to apply, please refer to the **SFS Guidebook**.



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