

# Alberta Land-use Knowledge Network



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## *Land Use Research 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. If this newsletter was forwarded to you, please consider **subscribing** to our monthly publication.

Review **past issues** of our newsletter



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## New on the Land Use Planning Hub

The **Land Use Planning Hub** is an informal network that supports the implementation of Alberta's regional plans. It is regularly updated with news, resources, and information on regional planning in Alberta. It was launched in 2018 as a complement to the **Land-use Knowledge Network**. Check out the resources and join the conversation.

For more information about the Land Use Planning Hub, contact the website's coordinator, **Jeff Wiehler**.

Historical regional planning videos



### See the history of regional plans in Alberta

Since 2007, the Land-use Framework has guided the development of regional plans. So far, the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan and **South Saskatchewan Regional Plan** have been developed and implemented. These videos are a visual history of the progress of implementing the Land-use Framework in Alberta.



### Implementing agricultural strategies in the SSRP

Out of the 122 strategies in the **South Saskatchewan Regional Plan**, there are 12 that are related to agricultural use in the region. Every year, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry reviews the implementation of these 12 strategies.



### Alberta conferences for land use planning (Updated Sept 2020)

Throughout the year, there are a variety of conferences for individuals and organizations involved with municipal planning, land use and the many related topics – from water management to community engagement. Social distancing guidelines have altered the format and plans for many events, but some conferences and events are still happening.



## An Ongoing Request for Feedback

We would appreciate your input on what we can do to provide the tools and resources on topics that align with your 2020 land use planning priorities. Please complete our **two-question poll** so we can customize our planning resources to fit your needs.



### Alberta Land Institute

An independent, non-partisan research institute based at the University of Alberta that connects research and policy for better land management.

Check out some of their **research findings and reports here**



The **EcoServices Network** is a multidisciplinary group of stakeholders working collectively to develop the knowledge and capacity required to implement conservation markets in Alberta. Through the network, coordinated efforts will create a system for information sharing and collaboration across sector boundaries.

### ESN Research and Resources

## Mitacs Funding Opportunity for Municipalities

*Mitacs is accepting research and innovation project proposals from municipalities of all sizes*



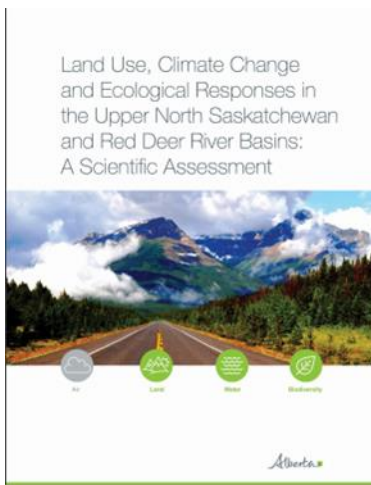
**Mitacs**, a national non-profit organization that has designed and delivered research and training programs in Canada for 20 years, is now accepting **research and innovation project proposals** from municipalities of all sizes. Mitacs connects municipalities with post-secondary researchers for innovative projects. This collaboration ensures the best public policies are developed that will create vibrant and healthy communities.

Mitacs will provide financial support for up to 55% of the cost of the project. The deadline for expressions of interest is **November 2, 2020**. Mitacs has created a **handout** for municipalities, which provides an overview of funding opportunities and case studies on previous projects.

For more information or to learn how to submit a expression of interest, please contact Cedric Prince at [cprince@mitacs.ca](mailto:cprince@mitacs.ca).

## Resources

The **Land-use Knowledge Network** is a repository of a wide variety of resources to support your land use and planning research. Check out these items relating to stakeholder engagement planning...



Farr, D., Mortimer, C., Wyatt, F., Braid, A., Loewen, C., Emmerton, C., & Slater, S. (2018). **Land use, climate change and ecological responses in the Upper North Saskatchewan and Red Deer River Basins: A scientific assessment**. Government of Alberta, Ministry of Environment and Parks

The Eastern Slopes of Canada's Rocky Mountains have been managed for headwater protection, natural resource production, recreation, and other land uses for over a century. To inform future land use planning in the Eastern Slopes of west-central Alberta, a review was conducted of key land use stressors and expected ecological responses.



### Alberta Land Institute: Municipalities & Biodiversity Webinar

Tools & Policies for Measuring & Mitigating Biodiversity Loss – Replay from September 16, 2020

The “**Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity Initiative: Results Summary 2010–16,**” presents an overview of the Initiative’s background, and research and innovation related achievements to date. Its purpose is to update stakeholders on progress and success of the initiative and to create excitement for next steps in building capacity for ecosystem service and biodiversity markets in Alberta.

MacKinnon, L., Apentiik, C., & Robinson, M.P. (2001). **Revisiting traditional land use and occupancy studies: Relevance and implications for resource management in Alberta.** *The Forestry Chronicle*, 77(3), 479 –489.

## Events

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

Many of the events noted here have been postponed due to the Covid19 pandemic. We will update our events pages as soon as we receive new information on each event. Stay safe everyone.

### October

Save the Date

**Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Virtual Conference**

1-2 October, 2020, **online**

**#UnexpectedSolutions: Creating resilient cities, together**

20 October – 26 November, 2020, **online**

**FCM’s Sustainable Communities Conference**

20-22 October, 2020, St. John’s, NL

**Athabasca Watershed Council Annual General Meeting**

24 October, 2020, Zoom

### November

*Save the Date, virtual conference*

**RMA 2020 Fall Convention & Tradeshow**

3-4 November, 2020, Edmonton

### December

**An Asset-Based Community Development Virtual Workshop**

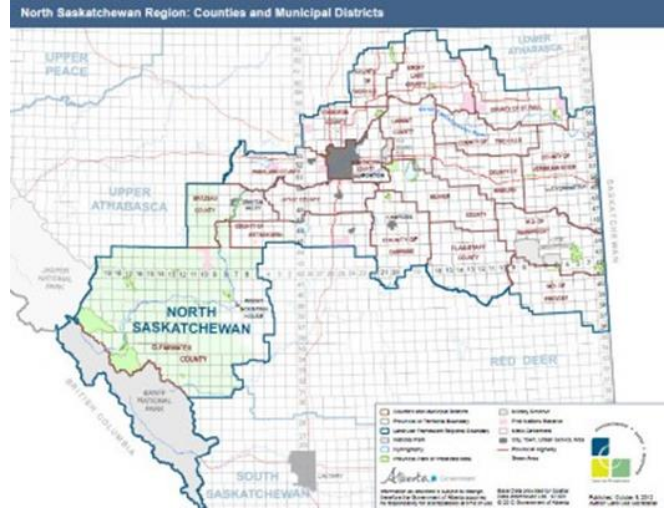
2-3 December, 2020, Zoom

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## North Saskatchewan Regional Plan (NSRP)

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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