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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Happy New Year, LuKN newsletter subscribers. We are looking forward to another great year of supporting your land use planning needs with resources and tools on both the Land-use Knowledge Network and on the Land Use Planning Hub. Please consider completing our short (two question) survey — the link is below — so that we can tailor the LUPH to align with your planning priorities.

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. Check out the resources and join the conversation.

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

The Land Use Planning Hub 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.
Interactive Region Explorer
Explore the seven regions in Alberta – from population statistics to area. This interactive tool lets you visualize information from the regions defined in the Land-use Framework.

Datasets
The foundation to evaluating decisions is information. Explore information, maps and data from around Alberta.

Evaluating Municipal Climate Plans
A 2019 review by researchers in Ontario evaluated the climate change plans from 63 Canadian municipalities.

Community Engagement Techniques
A library of tools and techniques collected by the Tamarack Institute to support community engagement.

A 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.

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...

IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land (2019)
An IPCC Special Report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems
Video: Too Much and Too Little Water, Adaptation Strategies for Municipalities (Hans Schreier)
Video: The South Saskatchewan River Basin Climate Change Adaptation Project (Mike Nemeth)
Video: Composting and Organic Waste Diversion (Natasha Page)
Land Use Planning Topics: Environmental Issues-Climate Change (scholarly references)
Alberta’s Natural Subregions Under a Changing Climate: Past, Present, and Future
Consultation Guides and Resources
Putting the Ecosystem Approach Into Practice - What Can It Do For You? - Summary Report

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.

Alberta Capital Airshed Strategic Directions Workshop
20 January, 2020, Strathcona County

U of A: Municipal Planning & Biodiversity Conservation
5 February, 2020, Camrose

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

NSWA’s 20 Years of Partnerships in Watershed Management (forum)
27 February, 2020, Edmonton

Early-bird registration deadline is February 14

RMA 2020 Spring Convention & Tradeshow
16-18 March, 2020, Edmonton

2020 Community Planning Association of Alberta Annual Planning Conference
27-29 April, 2020, Red Deer

Early Bird Deadline: January 31, 2020

Alberta Land Institute: Land Use 2020: A Place for Biodiversity Offsets
26-28 May, 2020, Banff

Deadline for abstracts: 21 February, 2020

Western Canada Water: Call for Presentations
22-25 September, Regina, Saskatchewan

Funding Opportunities

Check out the list of funding opportunities curated by the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

Land Stewardship Centre Applications for the 2020 Watershed Stewardship Grant
Provides funding to support collaborative, community-based stewardship efforts
Deadline: 13 January, 2020

Oldman Watershed Legacy Program (WLP) applications
Resources and financial assistance to improve riparian areas and wetlands in the Oldman Watershed
Deadline: 15 February, 2020
A new special report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states unequivocally that land is critically important... both as a source of greenhouse gas emissions and as a climate change solution.

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