

Alberta Land-use Knowledge Network



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Land Stewardship

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



Source: **University of Alberta**

Stewardship is the recognition of a collective responsibility to retain the quality and abundance of land, air, water, and biodiversity, and to manage this natural capital in a way that conserves all of its environmental, economic, social, and cultural values.

Alberta's community-based stewardship groups have embraced that responsibility and are actively developing and implementing local initiatives and projects that are helping to conserve and protect our natural resources.

Source: **Land Stewardship Centre**

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.



Raising the Importance of Wetlands

When balancing competing uses of land, wetlands tend to go to the bottom of the list. Here is how some municipalities in Alberta are raising the importance of wetlands.



Changes to Recycling Administration in Alberta

The Alberta government is updating the administrative process to set the surcharges for paints, oils, electronics and tires.



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.

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...



Land Stewardship Centre: **Stewardship Planning Framework**

Endorsed by the **AAMDC**, the **AUMA** and the **ASVA** as an effective tool that can be used to guide municipalities to the types and sources of important and relevant environmental and ecological information they can use to support informed land-use and planning decisions in their communities.



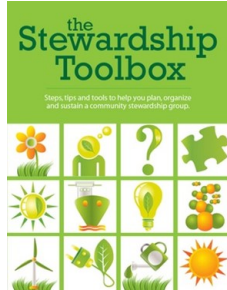
Alberta Land Stewardship Act and Regulation (2009)

The Government of Alberta's **Land-use Framework** provides for the development of regional plans for seven regions of the province.

Alberta Land Stewardship Act Statutes of Alberta, 2009 Chapter A-26.8 (Current as of December 11, 2013) (2009)

Alberta Land Stewardship Regulation (179/2011) (2011) provide clear rules regarding how regional plans will be implemented.

The Government of Alberta has also developed an **ALSA fact and fiction brochure** for a quick reference guide to some of the key points regarding Alberta's land-use planning.



Land Stewardship Centre (LSC): **The Stewardship Toolbox**

Starting a community stewardship group can be a daunting task. There are so many things you need to think about; so many things you need to do. Where do you start? There are so many resources out there; so much good advice. You are a volunteer who is passionate about a cause. How do you make sense of it all?

Market-Based Instruments & the Alberta Land Stewardship Act

Land Use Planning Topics: **Sustainability (scholarly references)**

Land Use Planning Topics: **Sustainability-Urban (scholarly references)**

Accomplishments and initiatives in stewardship and research



The **Indigenous Environmental Stewardship and Reclamation programs (IESR)** at **Yellowhead Tribal College** in Edmonton, prepares students for the demanding and evolving field of environmental safeguarding, reclamation, and restoration. This program will provide students with a background in theory and practice, including laboratory work and field experiences. Learning from academics, Elders, industry, and community experts, students will learn how environmental science and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) are vital in balancing traditional values and the needs of the industry and communities in the continued development of resources.

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.

February

U of A: Municipal Planning & Biodiversity Conservation

5 February, 2020, Camrose

Applied Land Use Planning Symposium 2020

6 February, 2020, Edmonton

Registration deadline 7 February, 2020

CCME: Understanding Natural Infrastructure Solutions

10 February, 2020, (11:00 am to 12:30 pm Mountain time) online

Call for proposals deadline 21 February 2020

Western Canada Water Conference and Exhibition 2020

22-25 September, Regina, Saskatchewan

NSWA's 20 Years of Partnerships in Watershed Management (forum)

27 February, 2020, Edmonton

March

Call for proposals deadline 12 March 2020

Alberta Professional Planners Institute (APPI) Annual Conference: Beyond Success: Growth by Failure
20-22 September, 2020, Lethbridge

Tamarack Institute Webinar: **Applying ABCD in an Urban Indigenous Context**

12 March, 2020, online

Recycling Council of Alberta: **Waste to Energy Symposium**

12 March, 2020, St. Albert

Early-bird registration deadline is February 14

RMA 2020 Spring Convention & Tradeshow

16-18 March, 2020, Edmonton

Red Deer River Watershed Alliance Spring Forum: **Grassroots and Muddy Boots -Watershed Stewardship in Action**

25 March, 2020, Blackfalds

April

2020 Community Planning Association of Alberta Annual Planning Conference

27-29 April, 2020, Red Deer

May

Earlybird deadline: 31 March 2020

Canadian Water Network: Blue Cities 2020

7-8 May, 2020, Toronto, Ontario

Alberta Land Institute: Land Use 2020: A Place for Biodiversity Offsets

26-28 May, 2020, Banff

September

Save the Date

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October

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Alberta Ecotrust Environmental Gathering: Lead Boldly

1-2 October, 2020, Edmonton

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FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference

20-22 October, 2020, St. John's, NL

November

Save the Date

RMA 2020 Fall Convention & Tradeshow

2-5 November, 2020, Edmonton

Funding Opportunities

Check out the list of funding opportunities curated by the [Red Deer River Watershed Alliance](#)

Oldman Watershed Legacy Program (WLP) applications

Resources and financial assistance to improve riparian areas and wetlands in the Oldman Watershed

Deadline: 15 February, 2020

News & Reports on Land-use Planning

Working With Nature: Using Natural Infrastructure to Mitigate Flood and Drought Risk

The Working With Nature (WWN) Toolkit can help municipalities catalogue their natural infrastructure and develop a prioritized plan for better using it to mitigate flood and drought risk.

The WWN Toolkit provides the materials and directions for a municipality to self-navigate through workshops, worksheets, and ultimately a living workbook. In the process, a municipality will address Goals and Principles, Risks and Hazards, Natural Infrastructure, Actions, and Policy Development.

The Toolkit allows municipalities to go as deep or as shallow as resources permit, and includes instructions, suggested workshop agendas, pre-made worksheets, an Action prioritization tool, and the 'living' WWN Workbook. All materials are made for MSWord and MSEXcel, so no specialized software is needed.

7 Things to Know About the IPCC's Special Report on Climate Change and Land (8 August, 2019)

Kelly Levin & Sarah Parsons, World Resources Institute

