

WETLAND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

LANDOWNER GUIDANCE



PARTNERING

The Municipality is partnering with Alberta Environment & Parks to restore wetlands using funds collected under the Wetland Policy. This means wetlands that are filled from development in your watershed can be replaced in the same area so residents in the region will benefit.

We are eager to find landowners that wish to participate and help deal with local issues like flooding and source water protection. All costs to design and build the wetland are covered by the program and no costs will be incurred by the landowner. The Municipality will maintain/monitor the wetland following the restoration work.

BUILDING

Where would you build a wetland? Often locations where crops are stressed from water make great sites to build wetlands, or locations that sometime flood after a large rain event. Existing ditches, swales, or dugouts can be converted to beautiful naturally functioning ponds that support a diversity of plants and wildlife. If you are interested, a wetland restoration expert can visit your property and discuss the site-specific options with you.

In collaboration with each landowner, our experts will discuss the location and type of wetlands that can be built, develop design documents, and identify local contractors that can complete the work. We will install native plants and wildlife habitat enhancement features. Our wetland restoration expert will be present on site full time during construction work and develop a maintenance plan and monitor the site for a total of 4 years. Any structures that are installed will be maintained for 10 years.

Wetlands provide several benefits on a watershed scale by:

- Retaining water so there is less flooding and erosion downstream.
- Cleaning runoff before it enters rivers and lakes where our drinking water comes from.
- Creating recreation and education opportunities by providing a place to go ice skating in winter and watch birds and other wildlife in the summer.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- An agreement between the municipality and landowner will be developed and added to the land title for a 10 years to allow the Province and the municipality access for monitoring/maintenance.
- The agreement also would acknowledge the wetland is a natural feature and future activity that would impact the wetland requires authorization under the Water Act.



BEFORE



AFTER

If you would like to learn more or make arrangements for a site visit, please contact:

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