

AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD (ASB) – SOIL CONSERVATION ACT

WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?

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☐ Inspection Program

☐ Extension Program

☐ [Alberta Plastics: Recycle It! Pilot Program](#)

HOW WILL WE ACCOMPLISH OUR GOALS?

Key Strategies

STRATEGY	DESCRIPTION
Inspection Program	Appointment of adequate Soil Conservation Officers for the enforcement of the <i>Soil Conservation Act</i> and <i>Soil Conservation Notice Regulation</i> .
Extension Program	Support of the ASB Environmental Funding Stream.
Ag Plastics Recycling	Work with CleanFarms and Vermilion River Regional Waste Commission to operate regional Ag plastics recycling site.

WHEN & HOW WILL WE DO THIS?

Actions/Initiatives

ACTION	EXPLANATION	ACHIEVEMENT DEADLINE
Inspection Program	*Enforce the <i>Soil Conservation Act</i> and <i>Soil Conservation Notice Regulation</i> through the appointment of adequate Soil Conservation Officers for the prevention of soil loss or deterioration. *Issue Soil Conservation Notices as required.	Ongoing
Agricultural Plastics Recycling	* Ensure effective recycling program/options for triple rinsed ag chemical jugs, grain bags and twine available to farmers in the County. Coordinate this program with the Regional Waste Commission. * Operate a CleanFarms Pilot Agricultural Plastics recycling regional drop-off site at Vermilion. In addition to maintaining drop-off for County ratepayers as previously, organize designated ag plastics drop-off days for local and regional agricultural producers. Ag staff will coordinate, and assist with intake, unloading of ag plastics on those days. * Dedicate staff time to working with county producers when rolling grain bags to ensure clean, properly formed rolls are made and reduce staff time spent re-rolling poorly made rolls. Staff may accompany grain bag roller and manage weather/site conditions when rolling grain bags to improve quality control.	Ongoing
Extension Program	* Continue to cooperate with the County of Minburn as a delivery agent Apply for 2020-2023 of the ASB Environmental Funding Stream to support programming with in the municipality. *Promote sustainable agricultural management practices such as water management and conservation, energy efficiency, soil conservation, soil health, grazing management, integrated crop management and manure and nutrient management	Ongoing

through cooperation with Lakeland College, Ag Societies, and neighbouring municipalities, Agricultural Research Groups (ARECA), ALUS and local Watershed Alliances.

- *Support Environmental Farm Plans (EFP) by holding workshops, attending meetings and using the EFP Web-book.
- *Support Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) through meeting with producers to help complete program applications, and maintaining a working knowledge of the program through regular updates.
- *Assist land owners access funding to implement best management practices and protect sensitive areas.
- *Support the recycling of agricultural plastics by providing recycling methods for grain bags, silage plastic, twine and net wrap.
- *Support the growth and delivery of the ALUS program.
- *Continue to support watershed enhancement by working with local watershed alliances and defining sensitive areas where there is a well-defined agricultural practice that puts the watershed at risk.

Shelterbelt Trees	*Provide tools for assisting ratepayers in the planting of trees for shelterbelts, such as tree planters and plastic mulch and applicator.	Ongoing
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HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOMPLISHED ACTIONS/INITIATIVES FROM LAST YEAR

*Supported Environmental Farm Plans and Growing Forward Programs

*Assisted with Agricultural plastics recycling, collected estimated 18 tonnes grain bags in 2019.

*Prepared Grain bag recycling video.

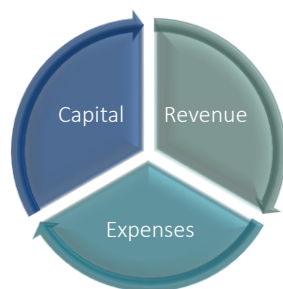
*Received approval as a regional collection site in Alberta's Ag Plastic Recycling Pilot Project.

*Appointed 2 Soil Conservation Inspectors.

HUMAN RESOURCES



FINANCIAL RESOURCES



	DETAILS
REVENUE	-Extension grant grant (\$68,760); sale of plastic mulch <u>estimated at \$30 000</u>
EXPENSES	-workshops; recycling costs
CAPITAL	N/A

REGULATIONS/POLICIES

- A) Agriculture Service Board Act.
- B) Soil Conservation Act.
- C) Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act.
- D) Industrial Vegetation Management Guidelines.
- E) AG Policies/Management Plans (AG001 – AG015).

MEASUREMENTS

CATEGORY	MEASUREMENT	GOAL
FINANCIAL	Budget	Operate within budget
ORGANIZATIONAL	Timeframes	Complete actions in allotted time frame
CUSTOMER CARE	Awareness	Improved general awareness of programs
VISION	Diversity	Program development