

A Guide to Action for **ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Recommendations for Non-point Source Pollution Management

Wetlands

- Support the Government of Alberta in conducting detailed wetland inventories for the Sounding Creek watershed and each subwatershed of the Battle River watershed (as has already been done for the Iron Creek subwatershed).
- Support the protection and restoration of wetlands throughout the watershed.

Stormwater Management

- Encourage community members to utilize "Low Impact Development" techniques to manage stormwater runoff on their property.
- Encourage residents to limit the use of fertilizers, pesticides and other harmful lawn-care and household products on their property.

Riparian Areas

- Partner with landowners, the Battle River Watershed Alliance and the Government of Alberta to conduct riparian health assessments along the mainstem of the Battle River, as well as on tributary streams, lakes and wetlands throughout the watershed.
- Support the protection and restoration of riparian areas throughout the watershed.

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About the Battle River Watershed Alliance

The Battle River Watershed Alliance (BRWA) was created in 2006 as a non-profit society. Shortly after its formation, the BRWA was selected by Alberta Environment, under *Water for Life: Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability* (Government of Alberta 2003), as the designated Watershed Planning and Advisory Council (WPAC) for the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds in Alberta.

Under Alberta's Water for Life strategy, Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils have a role to lead in watershed planning, develop best management practices, foster stewardship activities within the watershed, report on the state of the watershed and educate users of the water resource.

The BRWA works in partnership with communities, watershed stewardship groups, all four orders of government (municipal, provincial, federal and First Nations), industry, academia, environmental organizations and residents to promote the health and sustainable management of the land and water resources of the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds using the best science and social science available.

We exist to have a watershed that sustains all life by using sound knowledge, wisdom, and wise actions to preserve our watershed for future generations.

Where We Work: The Battle River and Sounding Creek Watersheds of Alberta

