

Policy Name

Wetlands Policy

Policy Number

ADM - 24



Policy Statement

Brazeau County has created the Climate Resilience Express Action Plan and the Climate Change Policy (ADM-23). This plan outlines initial actions to help manage potentially significant risks and opportunities anticipated to result from climate change over the next several decades.

In compliance with Policy #ADM-23, The Wetlands Policy is created to mitigate the risks and opportunities outlined in the Climate Resilience Express Action Plan. These are identified as:

Risks:

- 1. Overland Flooding
- 2. Water Supply Shortage / Drought
- 3. Forest Fire

Opportunities:

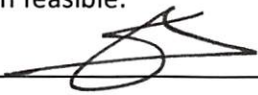
- 1. Increased Growing Season

Policy Objectives

Brazeau County encourages the implementation of the Climate Resilience Express Action Plan through the Climate Adaptation Implementation Strategy. The Climate Adaptation Implementation Strategy will be developed through the collaboration of the Brazeau County Climate Action Team (Administration) and the Climate Action Stakeholder Steering Committee (same team that was involved in the creation of the Climate Resilience Express Action Plan).

This strategy will cover the following:

- Limit any potential impacts to wetlands whenever feasible by considering AEP guidelines for wetlands and compensation.
 - Considering subdivision requirements for wetlands in place of retention ponds.
 - Mitigate erosion issues of streams, creeks and rivers by introducing suitable plants for stabilization when feasible.
 - Update Borrow Pits construction to incorporate plants and wetland requirements when feasible.


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- Consideration for alternate green solutions on all Brazeau County projects.
 - Plants considered for the creation of lagoons.
 - Consider SAS Plant vs. the expansion of a lagoon.
- Encourage and support the participation of area producers to utilize the ALUS Brazeau program. ALUS helps to develop projects that protect and restore wetlands and riparian areas through the use of:
 - Off-site watering
 - Exclusion fencing
 - Planting projects for bank stabilization, pollinator habitat and wildlife habitat
 - Use of buffers (natural or planted) along waterways to provide natural filtration and capture run off from crops before they enter the water.
- Hold community consultation and education sessions to provide information on implementation strategy, project, or initiatives and their impacts, opportunities, and external grant funding.

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