

Riparian Land Conservation and Management Recommendations

Project Team	Rec #	Project Completion	Implementer	Implementation Target	Recommendation	Status at-a-glance			Status
						Implemented	In Progress	Not Under Consideration at this time	*NOTE* The updates below are provided by the identified implementer(s) and do not necessarily reflect the interpretation of the Alberta Water Council except where the implementers are identified as the 7 Priority Sectors. Those updates are provided by the project manager of the current CEP team.
Riparian Land Conservation and Management	1	31-Oct-13	ESRD	August 2014	The Alberta Water Council recommends that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development within six months identify a lead who is accountable for the coordination and integration of riparian land conservation and management in the province, including implementation and annual public reporting on the progress of the remaining recommendations in this report.		●		AEP is coordinating an integrated GoA response to the recommendations. Current work focuses on determining how current and upcoming initiatives will support the recommendations with a goal of determining where there are gaps that may be addressed. Ongoing riparian work includes: the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program, regional planning initiatives, and research funding through AI-EES that considers enhanced practices for supporting riparian areas near dams, and building a greater understanding of how land use affects riparian lands and wetlands in parkland areas.
Riparian Land Conservation and Management	2	31-Oct-13	ESRD	February 2015	The Alberta Water Council recommends that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development within one year and in consultation with stakeholders, establish a provincial riparian land conservation and management vision that recognizes the ecological, social and economic importance of riparian lands and their functions.				
Riparian Land Conservation and Management	3	31-Oct-13	ESRD	February 2015	The Alberta Water Council recommends that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development within one year and in consultation with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, Alberta Municipal Affairs, Alberta Health, and other key Ministries and stakeholders, lead the development of desired provincial level riparian land conservation outcomes that are consistent with the provincial vision and that support integrated management. Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development should also provide a framework for the development of aligned and more specific outcomes at multiple scales.				

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Riparian Land Conservation and Management	4	31-Oct-13	ESRD	February 2017	The Alberta Water Council recommends that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development within three years, and as frameworks and regional plans are developed, in consultation with stakeholders including other Ministries, ensure that the riparian land conservation and management vision and desired outcomes are integrated into regional land use planning, watershed management planning, and other relevant plans and frameworks including municipal planning as guided through the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> .				
Riparian Land Conservation and Management	5	31-Oct-13	ESRD	February 2017	The Alberta Water Council recommends that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development within three years undertake a cross-Ministry review of legislation, regulation, policies and programs to ensure consistency and to facilitate removal of disincentives or barriers to conservation and management of riparian lands.				
Riparian Land Conservation and Management	6	31-Oct-13	GoA	February 2017	The Alberta Water Council recommends that the Government of Alberta within three years and in consultation with stakeholders, initiate and support the development of a suite of incentive tools, including conservation and stewardship tools, that are targeted toward the provincial outcomes for integrated riparian land conservation and management, with ongoing implementation and review.				
Riparian Land Conservation and Management	7	31-Oct-13	ESRD	February 2017	The Alberta Water Council recommends that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development within three years and in consultation with relevant Ministries, improve implementation and consistent enforcement of legislation and application of policy relevant to riparian lands, with ongoing review and continuous				

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					improvement.
Riparian Land Conservation and Management	8	31-Oct-13	GoA	February 2017	The Alberta Water Council recommends that the Government of Alberta within three years in consultation with Alberta Municipal Affairs and municipalities, improve riparian land conservation and management in municipalities by ensuring regulatory support and building capacity, with ongoing review.
Riparian Land Conservation and Management	9	31-Oct-13	GoA	February 2017	The Alberta Water Council recommends that the Government of Alberta within three years and in partnership with stakeholders, develop and implement an integrated province wide strategy to improve the sharing of knowledge and information regarding riparian lands. The strategy should increase sector and public understanding and stewardship of riparian lands functions, values, conservation and management, with ongoing implementation and review.
Riparian Land Conservation and Management	10	31-Oct-13	ESRD	February 2019	The Alberta Water Council recommends that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development within five years in partnership with stakeholders, lead the identification and adoption of accepted methodologies to delineate and map the extent of riparian lands in Alberta at multiple scales, and then map riparian lands as a coordinated ongoing activity.
Riparian Land Conservation and Management	11	31-Oct-13	ESRD	February 2015	The Alberta Water Council recommends that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development within one year and in partnership with stakeholders, lead the review, adoption and ongoing implementation of a provincial riparian health and function assessment framework that includes well accepted and currently

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					practiced methods that are compatible at multiple scales.				
Riparian Land Conservation and Management	12	31-Oct-13	GoA	February 2016	The Alberta Water Council recommends that the Government of Alberta within two years and in partnership with stakeholders identify, adopt and support ongoing implementation of best or beneficial riparian management practices and approaches that align with nested outcomes.				
Riparian Land Conservation and Management	13	31-Oct-13	GoA	February 2019	The Alberta Water Council recommends that the Government of Alberta within five years and in partnership with stakeholders, produce a publicly available “Alberta State of Riparian Lands Conservation and Management” progress report, and update and re-publish every five years thereafter.				