



Green Acreages

A Land
Stewardship
Centre
Program

Stewardship for Small Acreages

Land Stewardship Centre

- Established in 1996
- Not-for-profit, charitable organization
- Governed by a volunteer Board of Directors
- Supported by program advisory committees
- Operated by core staff



Our Approach



We Help People

- Understand the value of ecosystem services
- Recognize important stewardship priorities
- Apply key stewardship principles in land and resource use decisions
- Learn from those who provide good stewardship examples



We Develop Solutions

- Facilitate partnerships and networks
- Provide services, tools and develop resources
- Deliver core programs
- Support provincial and national initiatives
- Collaborate on the development of stewardship practices, programs and policies
- Work directly with individuals and organizations responsible for managing land and associated natural resources



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Stewardship

Our collective responsibility to retain the quality and abundance of our land, air, water and biodiversity, and to manage this natural capital in a way that conserves all of its values, be they environmental, economic, social or cultural.

14%

The last Alberta census indicated that rural residential landowners represent 14% of Alberta's population – a growing proportion of the rural population.

Cumulative Effects

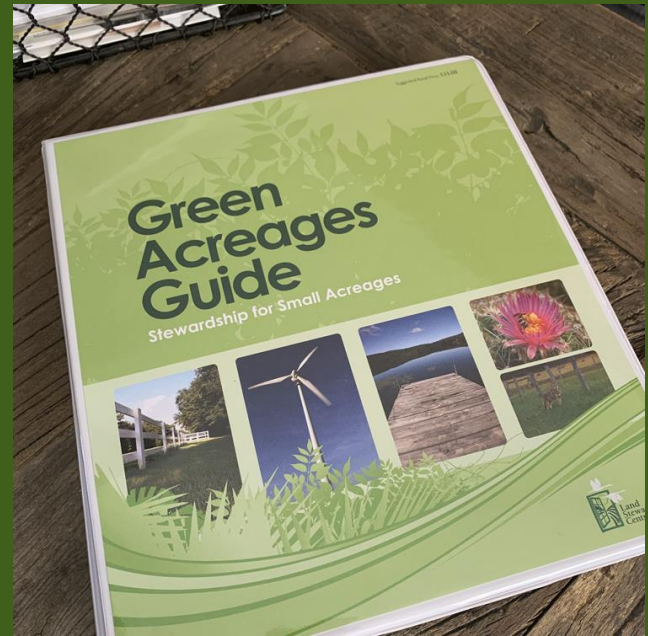
- Changes to the environment caused by the combined impact of our collective actions
- Number of rural residential properties increasing
- Increasing impacts on soil, water, air and wildlife
- Desire to “do the right thing”
- But few resources available

Green Acreages: Resources

- For acreage, hobby farm and recreational property owners
- Develop and implement stewardship practices
- Conserve and protect the valuable natural assets, such as air, land, water and wildlife
- Make properties more resilient to climate hazards through best management practices

The Workbook

A comprehensive, self-directed stewardship planning tool and “living document.”



“Living in the country is something I have always wanted. I want to be an environmentally conscious landowner and the Green Acreages Guide helped me get a good start.”



- Steven Gehring, Acreage Owner, Rocky View County -

Green Acreages Project Funding

- Alberta's Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program
- Support from rural municipalities
- 50-50 up to a maximum of \$2500 per project
- Lessen the impacts of flooding and drought (exacerbated by climate change)



Green Acreages: Funding for Acreage Owners 2021

A Unique Opportunity

The time you spend on your property has never been more important. We can help you improve it with funding for acreage enhancement projects that restore natural watershed function and help lessen the impacts of drought or flooding. No one else offers funding to support acreage owners.



Six

Easy

Steps

Step 2

Choose a project that's right for your acreage

- restore natural watershed function
 - reduce erosion
- manage stormwater
 - install offsite watering
- enhance riparian areas
- restore wetlands
- naturalize shorelines
- plant native species

Step 6



Enjoy your healthy acreage and share your success with others

Step 1



Buy your Green Acreages workbook online at store.landstewardship.org or check with your local municipality to see if they offer them

Step 3



Complete and submit the online application form

Step 4



Receive up to \$2500 for eligible projects that lessen the impacts of drought or flooding

Step 5



Complete your project and improve the health and value of your property

Learn more at landstewardship.org

Eligible Projects

- Projects which enhance **natural watershed function**
- Wetland and riparian zone enhancements
- Stormwater management
- Shoreline remediation and/or re-naturalization
- Erosion reduction measures
- Exclusion fencing, off-site watering systems and stream crossings
- Use of native species in planting initiatives



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