

**Policy statement**

Leduc County Agricultural Services shall participate in agreements with the Province of Alberta Resource Management Funding Stream of the Agricultural Service Board Grant Program and the County of Wetaskiwin to provide a full-time program coordinator shared between Leduc County and County of Wetaskiwin. The program coordinator shall provide information and program support to Leduc County agricultural producers through programs approved by the Resource Management Funding Stream of the Agricultural Service Board Grant Program.

**Definitions**

*Resource Management Funding Stream* means that portion of the Agricultural Service Board grant that supports environmental activities conducted by a municipality.

*Sustainable agriculture* means environmentally beneficial management practices relating to agriculture.

*Agricultural producer* means an individual/individuals actively engaged in the business of agricultural enterprise, including primary producers, processors, and other agri-business service providers.

**Policy authority**

*Legislative implications:*

- Province of Alberta *Agricultural Service Board Act*
- *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

**Policy standards**

Leduc County will,

- Deliver workshops and information sessions on a range of topics including, but not limited to: manure and nutrient management, riparian assessments and management strategies, integrated crop management, alternative energy sources, grazing and winter feeding management, and water well management and decommissioning.
- Supply information to Leduc County agricultural producers about available provincial programs and assist agricultural producers who are applying for program funding.
- Facilitate Environmental Farm Plan workshops and assist residents with completion of their Environmental Farm Plan.
- Promote the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) program opportunity to the active farming community within Leduc County.

**Policy responsibilities**

*Council responsibilities:*

Council will,

- Approve the Sustainable Agriculture policy.

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- Review and approve the continuation of the Resource Management Funding Stream of the Agricultural Service Board Program agreement for Sustainable Agriculture between County of Wetaskiwin and Leduc County upon expiration of the terms of the agreement at five year intervals.

*Administration responsibilities:*

Administration will,

- Ensure compliance with all current legislated requirements and municipal policies.
- Ensure that Sustainable Agriculture program support requirements are budgeted for annually.
- Provide training and support for the Sustainable Agriculture program coordinator.
- Deliver services to Leduc County residents relating to the Sustainable Agriculture program, including:
  - Administering all aspects of the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) program according to the yearly memorandum of understanding with ALUS Canada and the terms of reference of the community's Partnership Advisory Committee.
  - Coordination of information delivery with organizations such as Working Well, Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association, ~~West Central Forage Association~~ **Farming Forward**, Cows and Fish, Agroforestry & Woodlot Extension Society, and others.

**Monitoring and updating**

- This policy will be posted on Leduc County's website.
- This policy will be reviewed annually.