

WATERSHED PLANNING & ADVISORY COUNCILS

Collaboration and Innovation in Watershed Management

ALBERTA WPACs



WHO WE ARE

HOW WE GOT STARTED

In 2003, the Government of Alberta created the *Water for Life Strategy* to manage and protect Alberta's water resources. The strategy emphasized collaborative partnerships including Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs).

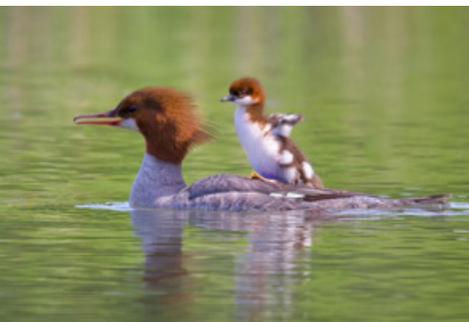
WATER FOR LIFE GOALS

- Safe, secure drinking water
- Healthy aquatic ecosystems
- Reliable, quality water supply for a sustainable economy

OUR ROLE AS WPACs

- We create opportunities for stakeholders to come together, share resources, and explore innovative solutions to water management challenges
- Each WPAC is a non-profit society guided by an elected Board of Directors representing stakeholders across the watershed
- Each of the 11 WPACs across the province are independently managed, though we work together on a number of initiatives

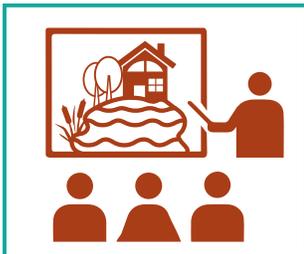
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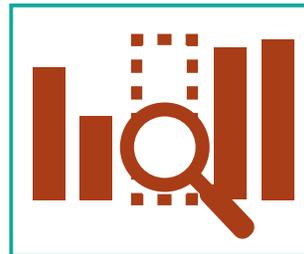
WHAT WE DO: FOUR PROGRAM AREAS

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



- Create opportunities for public engagement
- Increase awareness of watershed management issues
- Ensure the public is aware of stewardship and other initiatives

MONITORING & REPORTING



- Fill knowledge gaps
- Inform stakeholders and the public on how we can protect our watersheds
- Maintain or improve water quality and aquatic ecosystem health
- Use reports to inform land use planning and watershed management

CONVENER & COLLABORATOR



- Maintain forums and create opportunities for stakeholders to share perspectives, exchange information and stories about our shared watershed resources & responsibilities

PLANNING & POLICY



- Provide input on watershed management issues that affect quality and quantity of groundwater, surface water, riparian zones, wetlands, and biodiversity
- Collaborate on water and land management planning activities with stakeholders and Indigenous communities

CONTACT US

ATHABASCA WATERSHED COUNCIL

www.awc-wpac.ca

BATTLE RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

www.battleriverwatershed.ca

BOW RIVER BASIN COUNCIL

www.brbc.ab.ca

LICA-ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS (BEAVER RIVER WATERSHED)

www.lica.ca

LESSER SLAVE WATERSHED COUNCIL

www.lswc.ca

MIGHTY PEACE WATERSHED ALLIANCE

www.mightypeacewatershedalliance.org

MILK RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL CANADA

www.mrwcc.ca

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE

www.nswa.ab.ca

OLDMAN WATERSHED COUNCIL

www.oldmanwatershed.ca

RED DEER RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

www.rdrwa.ca

SOUTH EAST ALBERTA WATERSHED ALLIANCE

www.seawa.ca