# MD OF RANCHLAND AG BULLETIN

News, updates, and information for our community.



## IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING AN ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN

Protecting water, air, and soil quality is crucial to sustainable agriculture. An Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) is a fantastic tool to maintain a healthy and productive operation for generations to come.

An EFP is a voluntary self-assessment of potential environmental risks and management strategies. It identifies which areas are managed well, and which areas could be improved. It also addresses inefficiencies, leading to increased profits.

Consumers are increasingly concerned about sustainably sourced food. Having an EFP demonstrates you are committed to an action plan for reducing your environmental impact.

If you live in the MD of Ranchland and are interested in creating, renewing, or digitally converting an EFP, please visit www.albertaefp.com and contact 403-646-3131 or erin@ranchland66.com for assistance.

#### **GRANTS TO APPLY FOR**

www.oldmanwatershed.ca/wlp

### Oldman Watershed Council Watershed Legacy Program

Funding for projects to help producers with sustainable land management. Aim is to conserve natural resources and rural way of life. Applicable to many environmental projects in the MD of Ranchland. See website for more information and if interested, email erin@ranchland66.com or call 403-646-3131.



#### **WEED TO WATCH**

#### **Common Tansy**

Tanacetum vulgare

ID characteristics: leaves dark green and fern-like with sharp edges, flowers yellow and flat-topped in clusters, usually grows in groups.



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## Alberta Wetland Classification System Field Guide

#### **NEW FIELD GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE**

#### A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR ALBERTANS

Based on the Alberta Wetland Classification System (Government of Alberta, 2015), this field guide provides users with an accessible and visually engaging overview of Alberta's wetlands. It includes:



24 detailed fact sheets for each wetland class, form and type



Over 250 images and illustrations of wetlands and common species



Vegetation-based classification key and common species guide

This guide is intended for anyone interested in identifying and classifying wetlands in Alberta, and especially people whose decisions or actions impact wetlands or their functions (e.g. industry practitioners, landowners, government, Indigenous communities, etc.)

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#### **ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHT**

#### **Cows and Fish**

www.cowsandfish.org/

Cows and Fish, AKA Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society, works to foster a better understanding of managing riparian areas such as rivers, streams, lakes, and wetlands. Their main goal is to educate, monitor, and consult on riparian health and function. They are currently collaborating on projects in the Eastern Slopes (contact 403-646-3131 or erin@ranchland66.com to get involved). Interested in learning more? Please visit the website.



