

Caring for My Land

Strengthening our watersheds a few acres at a time



Application Form

1. Landowner Information

Your name	
Mailing and email addresses	
Phone number – best way to reach you	

2. Project

The legal land location(s) for the land(s) you want to work on	
Name of watershed(s) you are protecting – where water flows to. <i>Examples: land drains into Blueberry creek or unnamed water way/ runoff drains into slough/ land sheds water eventually reaching Horseguard creek.</i>	

3. Complete any of the following that applies to your idea

Type(s)/ numbers of livestock – horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, poultry, goats, other or none plus, season(s) livestock use the land	
Approximate acres of riparian area – land adjacent water that stays wet/ greens up first in spring. <i>Note: one acre is 43,560 square feet. If square in shape, each side is 70 yards. To visualize, a CDN football field is 65 yards wide and half a field with end zones is 75 yards.</i>	
Approximate acres of native (not tame seeded) range, including forested area	
Approximate length of any creek or river in the project area – length the way the crow flies	

<p>Approximate acres of any water body – slough, pond or lake – within the project area. <i>Note: water bodies are naturally occurring places therefore dugouts/ dams are not considered water bodies</i></p>	
<p>Type and number of acres of crop(s) you grow – include swath graze or hay. Include method of seeding (till or no till)</p>	
<p>Methods of feeding/ bedding livestock – hay, swath graze, stockpile forage, rotations, use of natural or portable/fixed shelter, etc.</p>	

4. Tell us what you would like to do using a detailed drawing on an aerial photo or hand drawn, detailed sketch on a separate piece of paper. Landscape photos of upland and riparian areas are helpful but not required. Include the following in your drawing.

- Legal land location(s) for the project(s).
- Riparian areas/ water bodies (creeks, sloughs, muskeg) and direction water runs off the land.
- Existing corrals, barns, cross fencing, wintering site(s) and location of water wells, dugouts or springs.
- Planted shelterbelts and natural wooded areas.
- Slope of land: steep, moderate or combination.

5. How will what you do make your land resilient to flood or drought? Give us as much information as possible.

6. How do you plan to protect the land and water in your watershed in the future?

7. Identify and estimate your costs. Please note:

- The **maximum** amount that can be applied for through Caring for my Land is 50% to a program **cap of \$5,000 per participant**.
- Grants from other sources are encouraged but a **minimum** 25% of the total cost will be borne by the applicant.
- Applicant labor **is** considered part of the applicant in-kind contribution.
- Applicant materials and equipment **may be** used as part of the in-kind contribution.
- Provide **written** estimates for capital items. For example: solar systems or livestock panels or tree seedlings.
- If the approved, copies of invoices will be submitted and reflect these estimates.

Item	Estimated costs	
	Items to be purchased	Costs contributed in-kind
Materials and equipment		
Labor: reminder that applicant labor is considered in-kind		
Other costs such as consultant fees, engineered drawings		

Total cost estimate

Total to be purchased

Total contributed in-kind

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8. If funding other funding has been applied for or received please list the source and amount received

9. Landowner Requirements

Initial

Required (not negotiable)	
Obtain applicable permits, approvals, permissions and renewals, complete the project(s) as approved and maintain the project for its intended purpose	
Provide copies of receipts for all eligible expenses incurred	
Accept responsibility for all project costs	
Provide reasonable access to the land to confirm the project(s) have been completed as approved and maintained as promised	
Complete the project within the calendar year, unless otherwise arranged, and provide copies of receipts by December 1 st for reimbursement	
Not hold Clearwater County Ag Services and Landcare, or its representatives, liable for the project in any way	
Optional (negotiable)	
Cooperate with Clearwater County staff to share information – such as writing an article/ photo – describing benefits of the project. Information will be balanced with anonymity to protect the applicant and their holdings.	
Consider allowing your project to be part of a field day to encourage others to adopt healthy watershed practices that increase resiliency to flood and drought.	

I declare this application an accurate description and estimate of what I would like to do and submit it for consideration under the Caring for My Land program.

Signature

Date

Return completed application forms to Clearwater County Ag Services and Landcare

Box 550, Rocky Mountain House, AB, T4T 1A4

Email: glewis@clearwatercounty.ca or dsimmonds@clearwatercounty.ca

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