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Wetlands are a vital part of Alberta's ecological landscape and necessary for a sustainable economy and healthy communities.

The Wetland Replacement Program (WRP) aims to re-establish wetlands in partnership with Albertans by providing resources for collaborative restoration projects across the province.

Under the Alberta Wetland Policy, WRP will offset wetland habitat lost due to development activities. A priority of the Alberta Wetland Policy and WRP is to replace wetlands within municipalities and watersheds that have had the highest amount of lost wetland area and value since 2015, as well as areas of high historical loss.

WRP will focus on fostering partnerships with municipalities that have a vested interest in wetland replacement. Working together, Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) and municipalities will help achieve shared outcomes for wetland replacement and conservation.

Wetland replacement includes the following activities:

Wetland Restoration:

- Returning natural/ historic functions to a former or degraded wetland.

Wetland Construction:

- Creating a wetland on a site that was historically non-wetland.

Municipal Partnerships

AEP has funding available for eligible wetland replacement projects and is seeking to establish partnerships with municipalities.

Municipalities that are committed to identifying and managing wetland replacement projects within their municipality and meet minimum pre-qualification requirements are eligible to apply.

For the 2020/2021 program, WRP is prioritizing partnerships with municipalities who have already invested resources into identifying projects for wetland replacement.

How your municipality can get involved

For more information about the Program, or to learn more about the pre-qualification process, contact us at aep.wetlands@gov.ab.ca by March 27, 2020 to participate in the 2020/2021 program.

If your municipality is not ready to participate this year don't worry, there will be opportunities to apply in future years.

