

Rural and Agricultural Land Use Amendments

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Background

2024

**Agriculture and Food
Sector Development
Strategy**



2025

**Agriculture
Framework**



2025

PCM Update

General agricultural amendments

1

Clarity and Useability

Streamline and simplify policy and regulations for agricultural development by modernizing and consolidating language and definitions

2

Consistency for Agri-Related Uses

Ensure consistent opportunities for agricultural support services and value-added agriculture in close proximity to agricultural operations

3

Accessory Uses to Agriculture

Increase opportunities for accessory agricultural uses such as the processing, sales and experiencing of agricultural products on the lots where they are produced

Clarity and useability - example

Agriculture Processing

Existing definition language:

Example: mixing, drying, canning, size reduction, fermentation, cutting, curing, smoking, aging of an agricultural product

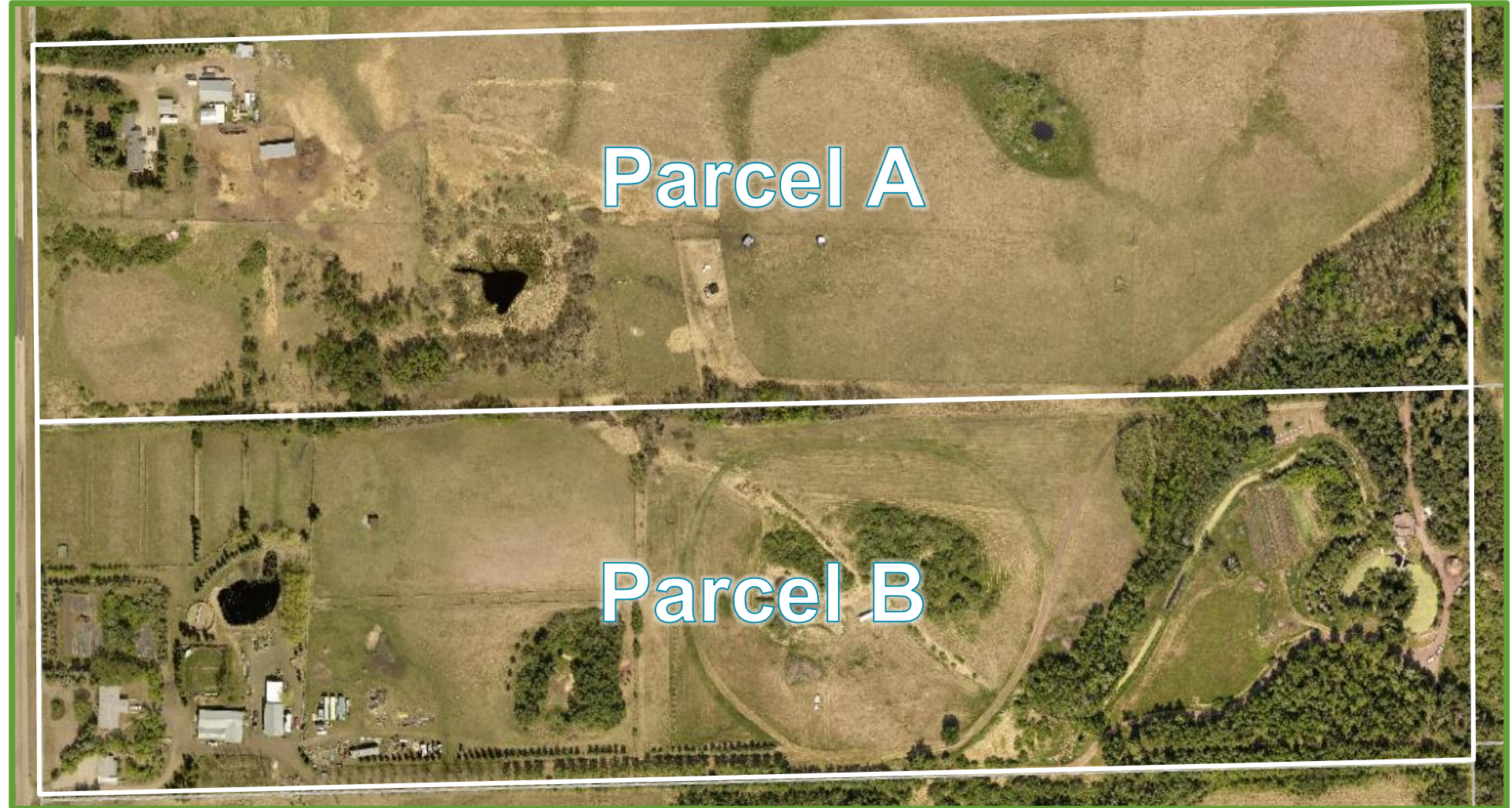
Value-added Agriculture

Proposed definition language:

Example: the alteration or modification of an agricultural product through treatments or the addition of other ingredients or components

Consistency for agri-related uses - example

Ensure consistency for Agriculture Related Uses



Accessory uses to agriculture - example

Agriculture General

The raising of crops or rearing of livestock, either separately or in conjunction with one another.

- *Potential Accessory Use Examples*

- *Product stand*
- *Packaging/preparation of on-site products*
- *Farm tours/education*

Process revisions

Process revisions are proposed to ensure that additional onus is placed on the applicant to prove out the suitability of non-agricultural uses, where proposed on lands currently within an Agricultural Zone including:

Religious Assemblies

Major Recreational Vehicle Storage

Private Camps

Campgrounds

These additional requirements will not impact pre-existing developments and do not alter where these types of development can be considered, only what is required from the applicant to confirm suitability.

Process revisions - example

Current Process

Religious Assembly Minor

- - Permitted use in AG zone
- - All applications shall be approved by administration, provided the proposal meets the regulations, regardless of context
- - No notification or consultation is required

Proposed Process

Religious Assembly Minor

- - Removed as a listed use in AG zone
- - Notification, consultation and Council Decision is required prior to consideration of the use
- - Onus on applicant to prove out the suitability of a specific parcel through the public process

Thank you