

Soil Conservation

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Policy Purpose

To establish guidelines to stop or prevent soil deterioration or loss in the County of Grande Prairie in accordance with the *Alberta Soil Conservation Act*.

Policy Statement

The County of Grande Prairie is committed to the responsible stewardship of land resources, preserving soil health, supporting sustainable land use practices, and protecting the long-term productivity of agricultural and natural landscapes.

Definitions

“Designate” means the person authorized by the Agricultural Fieldman to conduct the duties and functions assigned to the Agricultural Fieldman.

“Landholder” as defined by the *Alberta Soil Conservation Act*.

“Occupant” means a person other than a Landholder of land who occupies or exercises control over the land.

“Soil Conservation Officer” as defined by the *Alberta Soil Conservation Act*.

Policy Guidelines

1. Soil conservation inspections will be conducted in accordance with relevant legislation.
2. Field inspections will be conducted throughout the year with priority given to areas that are prone to erosion.
3. Proper sanitation will be used when moving from one field to another as the need arises to enter a field for inspection.
4. If land is found to have soil erosion, the Agricultural Fieldman or Designate will issue a Soil Conservation Letter of Concern to the Landholder that will include information and

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recommendations for appropriate measures to mitigate soil loss and a copy of the letter will be kept on file by the County of Grande Prairie.

5. The Agricultural Fieldman or Designate will issue notices and undertake enforcement procedures in accordance with the *Alberta Soil Conservation Act*:
 - 5.1. If following the issuance of a Soil Conservation Letter of Concern, remedial work has not been completed to County standards, the Agricultural Fieldman or Designate will issue a Soil Conservation Notice.
 - 5.2. If action is not taken by the deadline set in the Soil Conservation Notice, the Agricultural Fieldman or Designate will arrange for completion of the work and an invoice will be issued to the Landholder following County's procedures.
 - 5.3. The Soil Conservation Notice is subject to appeal, and the County will follow the appeal procedures as outlined in the *Alberta Soil Conservation Act*.

Attachments

N/A

References

Legal Authorities	Soil Conservation Act Land Titles Act Agricultural Service Board Act
Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, Etc.	B1 – Policy Development
Other	Letter of Concern Template Soil Conservation Notice Template

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