



AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

TO: ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee
DATE: February 25, 2021 **DIVISION:** All
FILE: N/A
SUBJECT: 2019 Project Overview

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the November 25, 2019, PAC meeting, Administration was asked to provide an overview of the ALUS projects approved in 2019. This report provides an overview of the projects that were funded by the ALUS program in 2019.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the 2019 Project Overview be received as information in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

The Alternative Land Use Services program (ALUS) is a community developed, farmer delivered program that gives Canadians the opportunity to play an active role in building a healthier environment by providing support to farmers and ranchers to enhance and maintain ecosystem services. ALUS has a simple goal: create a healthy working landscape that sustains agriculture, wildlife and natural spaces for all Canadians.

Farmers and ranchers can submit applications for projects which enhance or conserve ecosystem services on their farm or ranch. The Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) reviews these applications and a select few are implemented in the corresponding year.

DISCUSSION:

Two projects were approved by the PAC and funded in 2019.

1. The producer has 4 project areas on 3 quarters that are normally cropped. The project areas are often dry enough to crop, however once every 3 or 4 years the area becomes too saturated with water to crop through. The producer enrolled these acres with ALUS and has excluded them from being cropped. Our PAC requested that the area be defined with fence posts for future verification.
2. The area enrolled for the second project is a wetland that was often grazed by horses which was contaminating the water and destroying the wetland vegetation. The 13 acre wetland was fenced off to completely restrict the area from grazing.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

No budget implications.

Administration Resources

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OPTIONS:

Option #1 THAT the 2019 Project Overview Report be received as information.

Option #2 THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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