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EAGLE CREEK WATERSHED NEWS

Have You Applied ??

Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program

- **Application Deadline – August 1, 2017.** This is firm and has been in writing since the beginning of GF2. ALL FRWIP applications must be received (fax/email) or postmarked (regular mail) by this date. If projects are completed – application and claim together – it also must be submitted by this date. A decision on future programming has not been made.

- **Claim Deadline – February 15, 2018.** All FRWIP projects must be completed and claims submitted by this date. All payments will be processed by March 31st, 2018 for GF2.

Farm Stewardship Program (see page 2 of this newsletter)

- **Pre-Approval deadline is June 30, 2017.** All pre-approval applications must be received (fax/email) or postmarked (regular mail) by this date. Please do not wait to send in applications as the timelines will be tight to get site inspection and field sheets completed.
- **Rebate Deadline is January 31, 2018.** Some examples of rebate projects are Protecting High Risk Erodible and Saline Soil, Grain Bag Rollers, Used Oil Storage, etc.
- **Claim Deadline is also January 31, 2018.** All claims must be submitted for pre-approval applications by this time.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at eaglecreekwatershed.ca for further information on programs. Phone us at 306-831-6009 if you have questions or need assistance in navigating around on our website.

Beneficial Management Practices**Livestock Site Management**

Relocation of Livestock

Funding Level

60% up to \$50,000

Pre-Approval/Rebate

Pre-Approval

Confinement*

Fencing to Protect Surface Water* 50% up to \$10,000

Rebate

Farmyard Runoff Control* 50% up to \$30,000

Pre-Approval

Riparian Area Grazing 50% up to \$10,000

Pre-Approval

Management and Fencing*

Native Rangeland Grazing 50% up to \$10,000

Pre-Approval

Management*

Carcass Disposal Plans 75% up to \$30,000

Pre-Approval

Manure Management

Manure Storage Enhancements 30% up to \$50,000

Pre-Approval

Manure Application Equipment and Technologies 30% up to \$30,000

Rebate

Land Management

Natural Waterway Erosion Control* 75% up to \$30,000

Pre-Approval

Creek and Stream Crossing* 50% up to \$20,000

Pre-Approval

Native Plant Establishment* 75% up to \$10,000

Pre-Approval

Protecting High Risk Erodible & Saline Soils* 50% up to \$10,000

Rebate

Shelterbelt Establishment \$1200/per mile up to \$5,000

Rebate

Water Flow and Erosion Control* 50% up to \$20,000

Pre-Approval

Weather Data Collection and 50% up to \$1,000

Rebate

Monitoring

Multi-Producer Erosion Control Contact us

Irrigation Management

Irrigation Management Planning 50% up to \$2,000

Rebate

Irrigation Equipment Modification 30% up to \$50,000

Pre-Approval

Variable Rate Irrigation 30% up to \$15,000

Pre-Approval

Technology

Irrigation Efficiency 40% up to \$25,000

Pre-Approval

Precision Farming

Variable Fertilizer Equipment 30% up to \$5,000

Rebate

Variable Rate Mapping 30% up to \$2,000

Rebate

Agricultural Wastes

Used Oil Storage 50% up to \$2,000

Rebate

Plastic Grain Bar Roller 50% up to \$5,000

Rebate

Environmental Solutions 20-50% up to \$50,000

Pre-Approval

** Available through the Eagle Creek AEGP without an EFP. All BMPs are available with an EFP*

DEADLINES for the Farm Stewardship Program:

Pre-Approval Application must be submitted by June 30th 2017.

Rebate Applications must be completed and submitted by January 31st, 2018.



Farewell and Good Luck — Kandra Forbes (Intern)

Coming into my internship with the Eagle Creek Watershed, I had the combination of an Environmental Studies degree and being a farmer's daughter. My father is a grain farmer and my grandpa decided he also wanted bison, so now we have bison. We aren't your typical mixed farm.

During my Environmental Studies degree, the narrative I often heard was focused on the negatives of farming. At the same time, I am the daughter of a farmer. We have century farm land in our family.

While working with the Eagle Creek Watershed Group I have done my best to engage with farmers, visit RMs and work with weed inspectors. As any young person should, I want to know what's going on in the world around me. I have enjoyed creating discussion about water quality, whether it is decommissioning old wells or just doing a water test. Most farmers realize the risk that old wells create (think Bruno the dog) and are interested in minimizing that risk for themselves and others. They also realize the risk poor water quality poses for their homes, livestock and sprays. I have been impressed by the commitment most farmers make by either taking advantage of the funding for Beneficial Management Practices or updating their Environmental Farm Plans. My generation is much more concerned about transparency and we also typically have a greater disconnect from farming. To be honest, my degree often did not showcase farmers in the best light. During my internship, I have met lots of producers that care about improving their farming practices.

Thank you to all the RMs and producers that allowed me to talk about water and weeds. The Eagle Creek Watershed board was extremely supportive and welcoming to me my entire internship. I appreciated all the things I learned from face to face interactions. Farming is one of the biggest impacts on our environment, especially in Saskatchewan. I am glad I could be a resource for farmers doing the best they can while on a mission to feed the world.

I am looking forward to moving to the Milk River Watershed Council in Alberta as their Education Outreach Coordinator.

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For the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure (FRWIP) Program an Environmental Farm Plan is not needed. Grants for decommissioning wells and developing water sources for spraying operations or livestock enterprises are available.

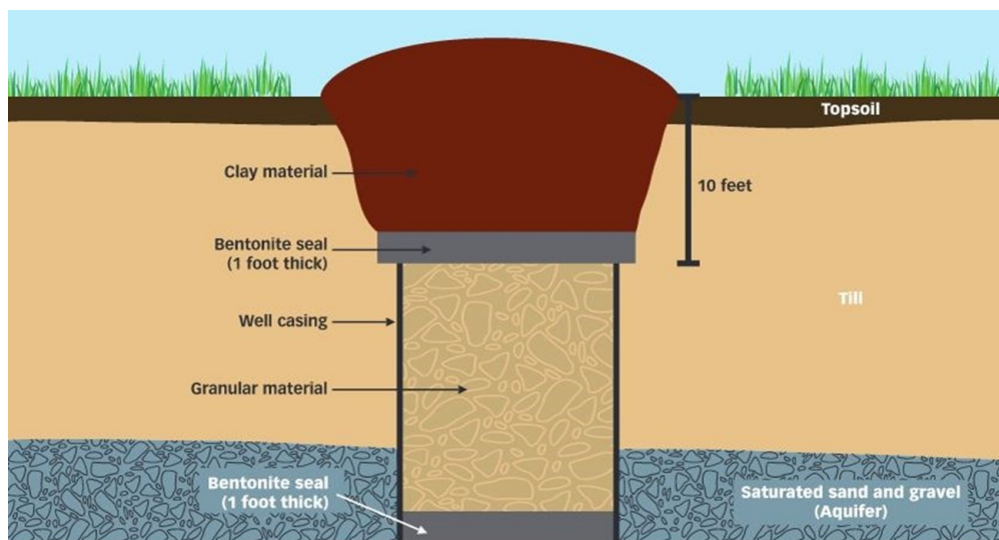
Contact Glenn Barclay at 306-831-6009 for further information.

Application Deadline is August 1st 2017.

How to Obtain FRWIP grant money for decommissioning an old bored well by Glenn Barclay PAg

There are many risks associated with old wells. It can be an access point for pesticide or fuel spills. There are also hazards for equipment, animals and people. If you have decided to decommission an old well, what are the steps involved with this process?

- 1) Fill out an application form and a decommissioning pre-approval worksheet and send them to Regina. These forms are available on our website (under Programs); eaglecreekwatershed.ca. I can assist you with collecting information and filling out the forms. My phone number is 306-831-6009.**
- 2) The Project is approved by Regina.**
- 3) Proceed with the project. Below is a diagram of what a decommissioned bored well should look like after the work is completed;**



- 4) Collect all copies of paid invoices, fill out the claim form and obtain the grant money!!**