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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	Funding Level	Pre-Approval/Rebate
Relocation of Livestock	60% up to \$50,000	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 Monitoring	50% up to \$1,000	Rebate
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 Technology	30% up to \$15,000	Pre-Approval
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.

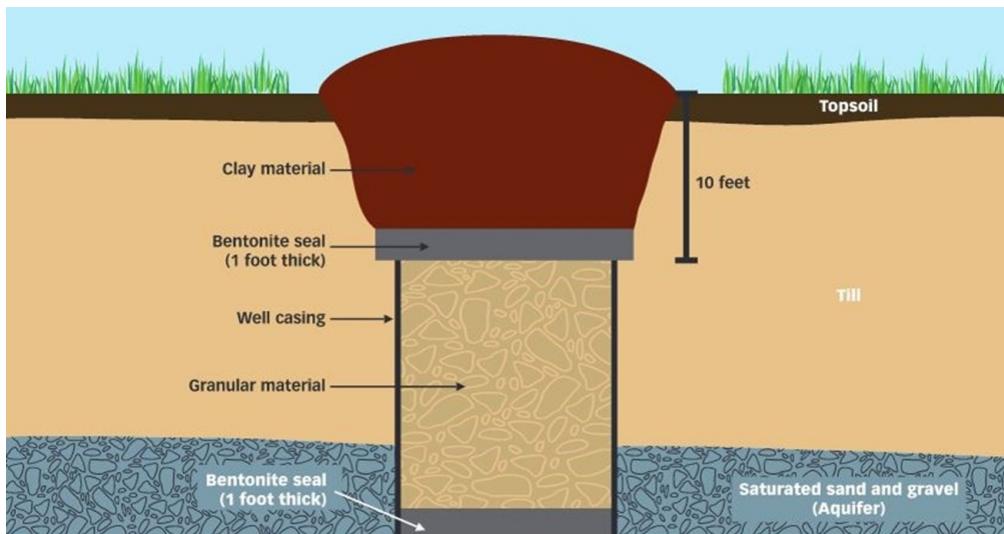
Application Deadline is August 1st 2017.

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!!**