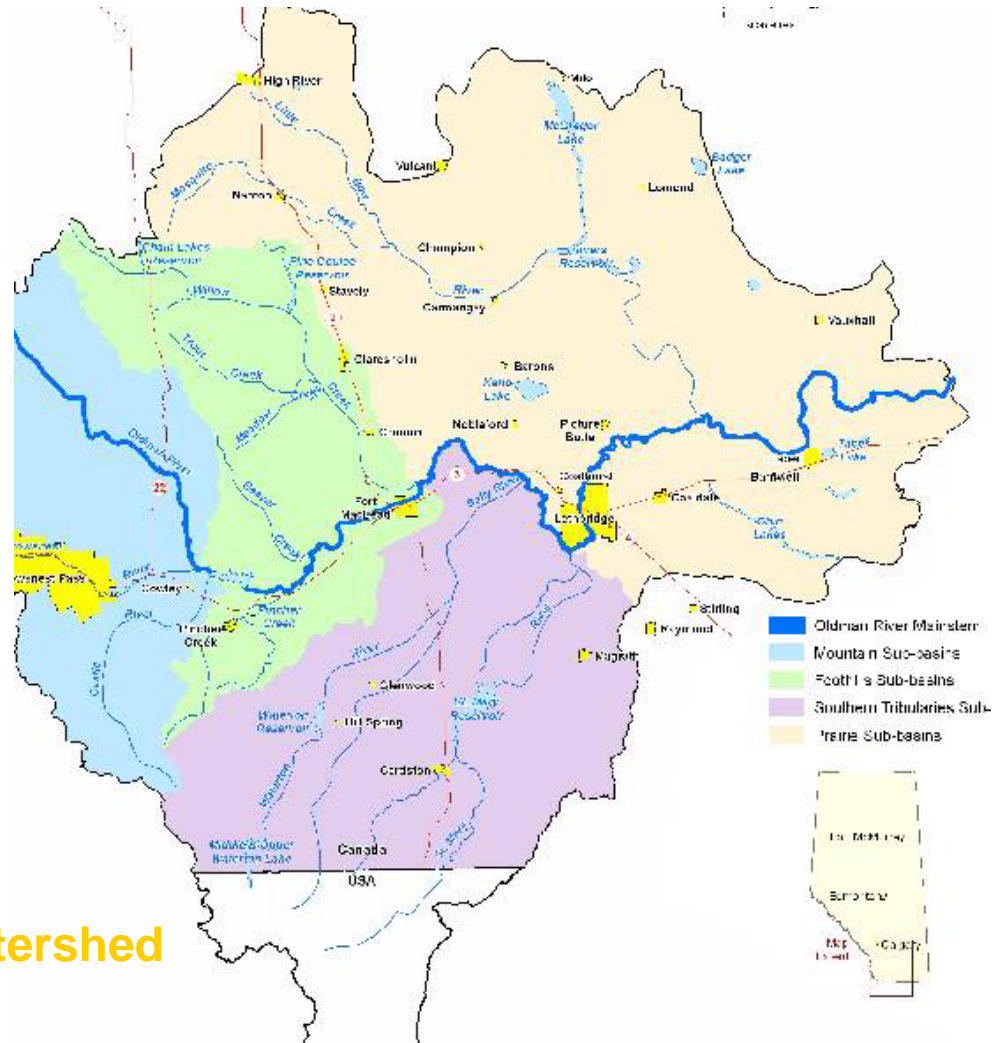




watershed management – watershed health

Watershed Sub-basins



Oldman Watershed

Our Accomplishments So Far...

- Completed the State of the Watershed
- Completed the first phase of the Integrated Watershed Management Plan, the Community Vision
- Almost completed the second part of our IWMP-Priority Setting and Risk Assessment

State of the Watershed

Indicator	Sub-Basins							
	Mountain	Foothills	Southern Tributaries	Prairie		Main stem		Oldman Watershed
Terrestrial and Aquatic	Good	Good	Fair	Poor		Good		Fair
Water Quantity	Good	Fair	Poor	Fair	Poor	Poor		Fair
Water Quality	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair	Poor	Good	Fair	Good
Overall	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair	Poor	Fair		Fair

Community Visioning Results

"A healthy, resilient watershed where people, wildlife and habitat thrive"

- **Outcome Statements**
- *"Environmentally aware, responsible and motivated watershed residents."*
- *"A safe and secure water supply."*
 - Clean ground and surface water, for safe drinking and healthy ecosystems
 - Naturalized river flows for healthy aquatic and riparian ecosystems
 - Aquifers are understood and sustained
- *"Balanced Allocations and wise management of water."*
 - Efficient water use through improved urban, agricultural, and industrial conservation practices
- *"Abundant, healthy and biologically diverse aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems in particular riparian areas, native grasslands, headwaters, native fish and forested areas"*
 - Reduce invasive species
- *"Land managed for multiple use with minimal impact on natural, cultural, and historical assets."*
 - ❖ Agriculture land base maintained
 - ❖ Well planned, minimal impact developments

Priority and Risk Setting

- Working with a broad range of stakeholders (~35)
- In 4 workshops, identified some of the risks present in the Oldman Watershed and what the OWC Board and planning team should consider when planning priorities.

Draft Results

- 34 Risk Statements identified
- 10 priorities were chosen
- Results will go to the OWC Board for decision making purposes.



Rural Team

- Holding the Reins
- Watershed Stewardship Tours
- Watershed Legacy Program



Holding the Reins

- 1 day workshop in Ft. Macleod
- Just had its 4th Workshop
- Opportunity to hear landowners and watershed groups talk about projects. The “tell”
- Guest speakers are brought in to talk about important topics and issues in rural areas



Watershed Stewardship Tour

- Have held one tour & are planning one for September
- The "show". Landowners and Stewardship groups showcase their projects



Watershed Legacy Program

- provides additional tools for stewardship activities in the watershed.
- recognizes that these changes do not occur over night and that the benefits will be seen in the Legacy that we leave for the next generation.
- The program builds on our successes, learns from the past, and strengthens communities to found healthy intact watersheds.
- The program strengthens community driven stewardship initiatives, and is mandated to work with the community to identify and prioritize areas and resources needed to be successful.

Key Components

- Identify and **implement** Watershed and landuse goals for the next 5 years...
- Bring together partners and groups within the Watershed...
- Provide tools for stewardship groups and new initiatives:
 - Funding for projects
 - Technical assistance/administrative support
 - Communication

WLP Project Categories

Seven key areas to focus on:

1. Riparian and Creek Restoration
2. Invasive Species Management
3. Wetland Restoration
4. Nutrient Management
5. Land Use Issues
6. Water Quality
7. Outreach, Communication and Education

Accomplished to date

- large projects -6 approved and 3 waiting for approval, totalling \$51517.03
- small projects-2 approved and 1 waiting for approval, totalling \$1500.00



The Future of WLP

- Dollars
- Continuous work from our volunteers
- Effective Communication



Agriculture Board Reps

- Agriculture Producers Rep-Ryan Kasko
- Irrigation Rep-Keith Francis
- Anne Stevick-Member at Large
- Andrea Kalischuk-Ab Ag.



AEPA and OWC

- Partnership
- Communication

