

Alberta Wetland Replacement Program — Statutory In-Lieu Fee Offsetting (Canada)

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Under Alberta's 2013 Wetland Policy, developers who cannot avoid draining a wetland can pay an in-lieu fee funding replacement elsewhere; since 2020 this has restored or built about 676 ha of wetland for over C\$25M, with 67 ha more funded for 2025-26.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	3/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[Government of Alberta, Ministry of Environment and Protected Areas, delivered with Ducks Unlimited Canada](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[Government of Alberta: Wetland Replacement Program](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[Ducks Unlimited Canada: Alberta's Wetland Replacement Program](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

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