

ALUS Manitoba Pilot (Blanshard) — Canada's First Landowner Payments for Wetlands and Natural Areas, Strong Uptake but Thin Outcome Data

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Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

From 2006 to 2009 Blanshard Municipality, Manitoba piloted ALUS: annual payments to landowners for wetlands, natural, riparian and sensitive land. About 21,000 acres were enrolled; an independent thesis found farmer engagement but no definitive environmental data.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-08

[Keystone Agricultural Producers / Manitoba Agriculture / Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District \(ALUS\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-08

[Manitoba Agriculture: ALUS pilot](#) — accessed 2026-10-08

[Campbell \(2014\), Dalhousie case study](#) — accessed 2026-10-08

[Small Farm Canada: ALUS profile](#) — accessed 2026-10-08

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