



Conserving Alberta's Wetlands

Good for my land, good for my business

Revolving Land Purchase Program

The Revolving Land Purchase (RLP) program enables Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) to have a greater impact on the landscape by stretching dollars earmarked for conservation further. Through this program, DUC purchases a piece of land, restores its wetlands and grasslands, and then makes it available to potential land buyers on the real estate market after placing a conservation easement (CE) on the title. The RLP program is an ideal fit and opportunity for cattlemen.

Finding the right land for RLP

Science helps DUC select land properties that are the right fit for the RLP program. The most desirable properties are within high capability waterfowl production areas that are offered for sale. Land that is the best fit for the program contains existing wetlands and uplands and presents opportunities for further restoration work as a result of past drainage practices.

Existing DUC-owned land that no longer fits within DUC's retention criteria (e.g. low wetland density, proximity to areas of high breeding waterfowl populations, and/or the quality of habitat and cost of maintaining the habitat) are also sold under the RLP program. Proceeds from these land sales go back into DUC programs, including the RLP program, to fund further conservation work.

Conservation Easements

A conservation easement (CE) on a property is a legal agreement between DUC and the landowner that ensures restored and existing wetland habitat remains intact.

A CE protects the land's natural features and supports the growth of native plants and wildlife. In short, the intent of a CE is to keep the land in perennial cover suitable for waterfowl nesting in perpetuity.

A CE agreement allows for compatible agricultural land uses such as haying and grazing.

Under the terms of the agreement, the landowner commits to conserving the natural integrity of the site by limiting the amount and type of development that can occur on it. Breaking, cultivating or converting wetlands or uplands for alternative uses are not permitted.

Partners in the field

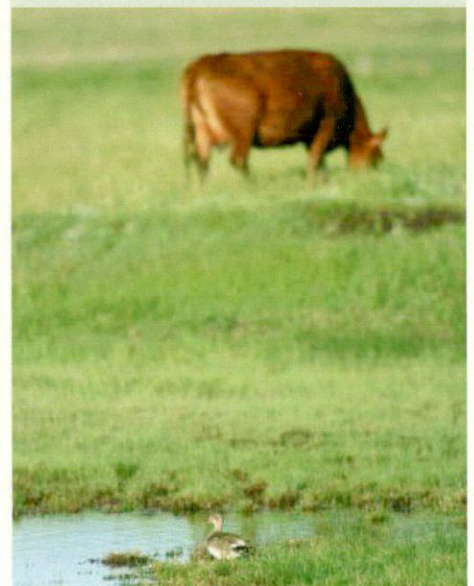
DUC has wetland conservation and restoration programs designed to benefit all landowners, whether your interests are in cattle, crops, grazing or recreational use. A conversation with a DUC conservation specialist can open the door to ideas and incentives that can make your land more productive, sustainable and diverse for generations to come.

Let's talk

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