

\$5000 Available to Landowners!

Riparian Restoration Project in the SEAWA Watershed

Project targets:

Restore riparian areas

Eligible applicants can receive **50% of project costs, up to a maximum of \$5,000, including the cost of equipment, materials, and labour.**

Applications for funding are currently being accepted. Projects can begin as soon as partnership agreements are signed.

Projects must be completed by November 2019. Examples of projects are listed on the back page.

Educate the watershed community

This project will generate awareness about actions needed to restore degraded riparian areas and to protect/conservate healthy riparian areas. It is an opportunity to talk to landowners and make connections while implementing on-the-ground restoration work.

Assess riparian area conditions or health

Riparian conditions of the Seven Persons Creek Watershed have been rated as Good, Fair, or Poor using an aerial imagery assessment. The complete assessment report is available online at www.seawa.ca on the projects page.

What are riparian areas?

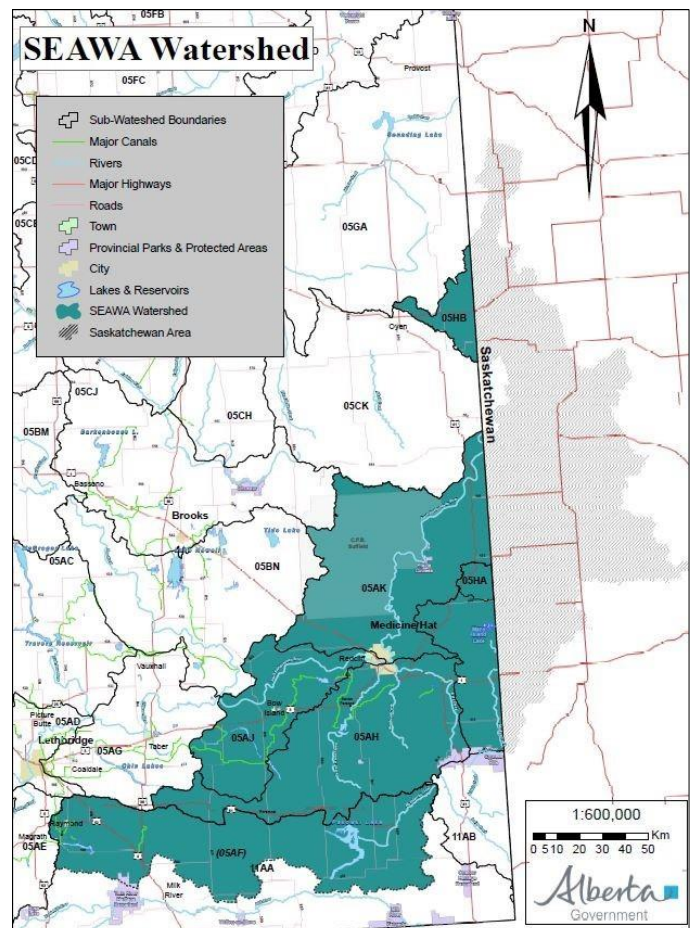
Riparian areas are transition areas between streams or lakes and their adjacent uplands. They play an important part of the overall watershed function.

Healthy riparian areas provide ecological and social services including: improving water quality, floodwater conveyance and storage, bank and shoreline stabilization, recreational opportunity, and provision of habitat for many plants, fish, birds, and other animals.

Are you eligible for funding?

Funding is available to areas within the SEAWA watershed with lands adjacent to:

- South Saskatchewan River
- Seven Persons Creek
- Ross Creek
- Gros Ventre Creek
- Bullshead Creek
- Peigan Creek
- Unnamed tributaries
- Murray, Seven Persons, Rattlesnake, Bullshead, Elkwater, Cavan, Pakowki, 40 Mile Coulee, Milk River Ridge, Burdett and other lakes and reservoirs.



Eligible Projects May Include:

- Planting of native shrubs or trees, including installation of temporary watering systems and protective cages around vegetation to deter browsing, and/or protecting bare sediment/soil with mulch or natural erosion prevention materials
- Site preparation for planting (Removal and disposal of invasive species and noxious weeds; removal of old structures and/or paved surfaces that are located on riparian areas (excluding in-stream structures); garbage cleanup)
- Fencing to manage livestock access to riparian areas
- Removal of livestock shelters from riparian areas
- Installation of off-stream livestock watering systems
- Bio-engineering projects
- Other partner proposed projects, subject to approval.



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Degraded Riparian Area



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Healthy Riparian Area

The South East Alberta Watershed Alliance (SEAWA) is a multi-stakeholder, volunteer based, not-for-profit society designated as a Watershed Planning and Advisory Council (WPAC) by the Government of Alberta to help achieve the goals of the *Water for Life* strategy (www.waterforlife.alberta.ca).

This project is part of SEAWA's goals to evaluate and report on watershed conditions, and to promote environmental stewardship.

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