

ALUS PRINCIPLES

- **Community-developed** - Developed by local communities to be flexible and respect local agricultural and environmental priorities.
- **Farmer-delivered** - Farmers and ranchers are in the best position to deliver nature's benefits on their land.
- **Targeted** - Select marginal or ecologically sensitive parcels of land are managed in a different manner to produce nature's benefits.
- **Market Driven** - Benefits from nature produced by project activities have economic value.
- **Voluntary** - Farmers and ranchers choose to participate and have flexible agreements that suit their operation.
- **Integrated** - Delivery will complement existing conservation programs including federal and provincial government policy frameworks.
- **Accountable** - Projects are independently monitored and audited.
- **Science-based** - Social, economic and environmental sciences guide program development and implementation.



PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The ALUS program is governed by a local committee made up of farmers, ranchers and other local stakeholder groups.

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“Growing a Healthier
Environment”



Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) has a simple, yet revolutionary goal...create a healthy landscape that sustains agriculture, wildlife and natural spaces for all Canadians.

ALUS recognizes the important role farmers are playing as stewards of the land by conserving public resources like clean water, clean air, habitat for fish and wildlife, and areas for outdoor recreation.

ALUS is a community-developed, farmer-delivered program that provides support to farmers and ranchers to enhance and maintain nature's benefits on the working landscape.



ALUS Targets Agricultural Producer Land that is:

1. Environmentally Sensitive
2. Environmentally Significant
3. Marginal Land
4. Inaccessible

Overall Benefits

- Recognition of the role farmers and ranchers play in conserving, protecting, and restoring natural features.
- Greater conservation of natural resources leading to an increase in nature's benefits, clean water, clean air, erosion and flood control, as well as habitat for pollinators, fish and wildlife.
- Increased income opportunities for farmers and ranchers.
- Creation of real and sustainable landscape improvements without costly regulations.



Payments

ALUS farmers and ranchers are paid annually for the benefits from nature they produce based on fair market value.



ALUS is in Elgin County!

ALUS is in search of farmers interested in converting marginal, inefficient, and fragile farmland into natural areas. Some projects available include:

- Erosion Control
- Wetland creation/ enhancement
- Pollinator hedgerows
- Buffer strips
- Nest box establishment

Call the ALUS Elgin County Coordinator for more information.

