2021 Environmental Action Plan

Project Name	Project Summary	Timeline	EMP Priority Area	Resources Required	Project Working Group
Crooker Wetland Planting	Planting of native shrub and tree species to create upland habitat	June-July	-Water Quality and Quantity -Land Use in the Built and Natural Environment	- \$300 for purchase of seedlings -Staff time	-Environmental Coordinator -Summer Students
Lacombe County Solar System	Install a solar PV system on the roof of the shop building	TBD	-Energy Efficiency -Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation	-\$160,000 (less \$49,000) rebate -Staff time	-Environmental Coordinator -Project Manager -SkyFire Energy Inc.
Eliminate Single Use Water Bottles	Stop purchasing single use water bottles in County facilities	Oct-Dec	-Waste Disposal -Water Quality and Quantity	-Staff time	-Environmental Coordinator
Energy Efficiency Education	Educate staff on ways to reduce energy use within County buildings and at home	Ongoing	-Energy Efficiency -Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation	-Staff time	-Environmental Coordinator
Sustainable Purchasing Guide	Create a sustainable purchasing guide for all departments within the County. Ensuring the County is balancing cost and quality, along with the environment when make purchases	Jan-Mar	-Waste Disposal -Energy Efficiency	-Staff time	-Environmental Coordinator -All Departments
Idle Reduction Program	Promote awareness reducing idling during the winter and summer	Ongoing	-Energy Efficiency -Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation	-Staff time	-Environmental Coordinator
Electric Vehicles	Explore the potential addition of electric/hybrid vehicles into the County fleet	TBD	-Energy Efficiency -Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation	-Staff time	-Environmental Coordinator
Staff Engagement Activities	Engage staff monthly or bi-monthly on different environmental topics	Ongoing	-All Priority Areas	-\$250 for prizes -Staff time	-Environmental Coordinator

Biobed	Installation of a system that utilizes soil to breakdown unused/leftover herbicides	TBD	-Waste Creation and Disposal	-\$2400 -Staff time	-Agriculture Coordinator -Agriculture Department
Climate Trends Education	Create an educational video about past and future climate trends within the County for staff, Council, and ratepayers	Jan-Mar	-Climate Adaptation and Mitigation	-Staff time	-Environmental Coordinator -Planner/ Development Officer
Climate Trends Policy	Draft Climate Trends Policy for County activities and operations	Sep-Dec	-Climate Adaptation and Mitigation	-Staff time	-Environmental Coordinator
Wetland Education Program	Education program for grade four students on the importance of wetland ecosystems	Mar-May	-Water Quality and Security	-\$4,000 -Staff time	-Environmental Coordinator
Environmental Stewardship Award	An award for a Lacombe County resident who practices environmental conservation and sustainability on their property	Sep-Nov	-Land Use in the Built and Natural Environment	-\$1,500 -Staff time	-Environmental Coordinator
Resident Environmental Sustainability Program	Supply and cost-share (50/50) rain barrels with interested County residents	Mar-May	-Water Quality and Security	-\$3,500 -Staff time	-Environmental Coordinator
Wetland Assessments	Complete wetland assessments and approvals for 2022 road construction projects with assistance of consultant.	Jun-Dec	-Water Quality and Security - Land Use in the Built and Natural Environment	-\$10,000 -Staff time	-Environmental Coordinator -ROHI Engineering Ltd.
Salt Management Plan	Revise and update the current salt management plan	Oct-Dec	- Land Use in the Built and Natural Environment	-Staff time	-Environmental Coordinator - Operations Department
Wetland Replacement Program	Identify potential sites where the County can utilize the Province's Wetland Replacement Program	Ongoing	-Water Quality and Security - Land Use in the Built and Natural Environment	-Staff time	-Environmental Coordinator -Operations Department