

Parkland County's ALUS and Green Acreages 2016 Update

Committee of Whole
June 21st, 2016



Green Acreages
Stewardship for Small Acreages





"Growing a Healthier Environment"

What is ALUS?

A community-developed, farmer-delivered program that provides support to farmers and ranchers to enhance, maintain and produce ecosystem services.

In its 5th year in Parkland County!





"Growing a Healthier Environment"

2016 Events

Feb. – WCFA Verified Sustainable Beef
Workshop

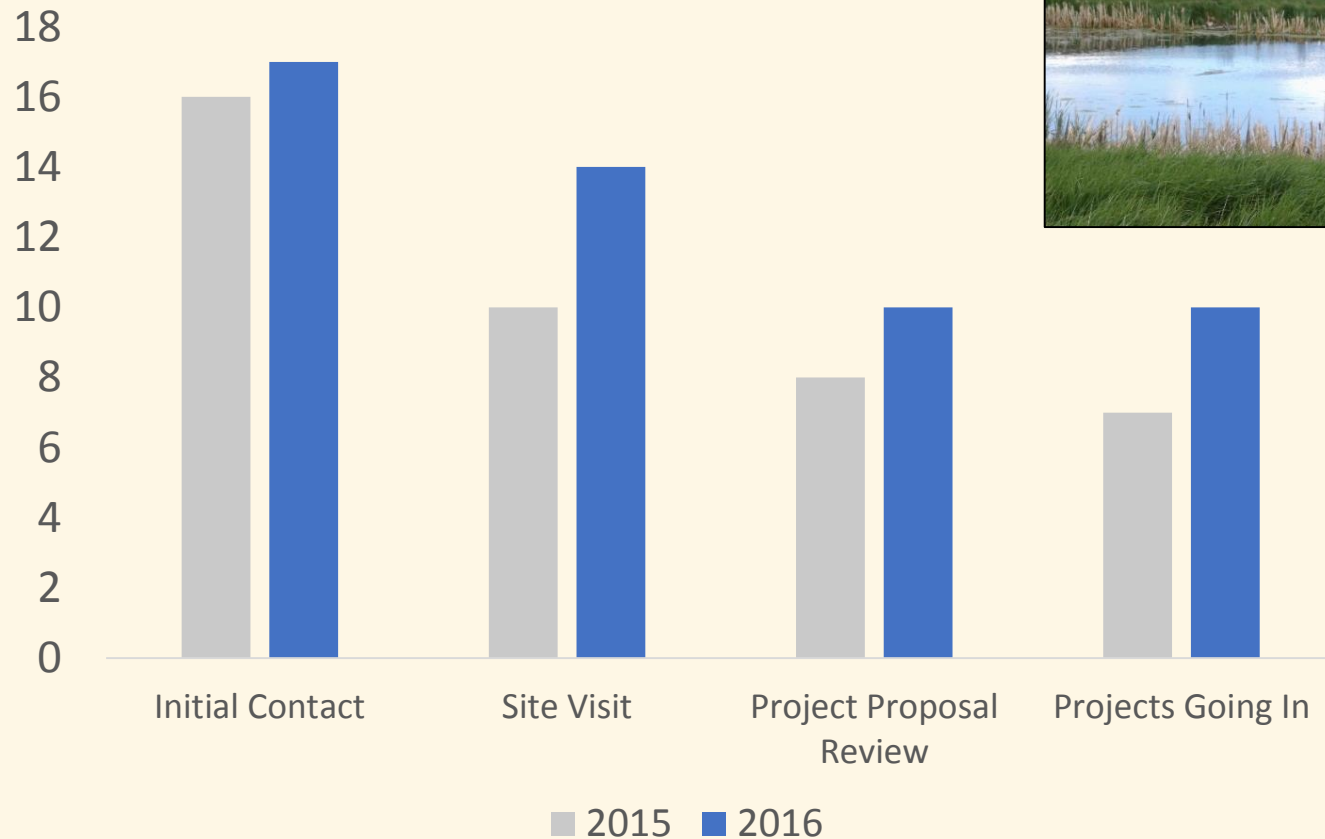
March – Fencing and Watering Workshop

Coming Soon...End of July

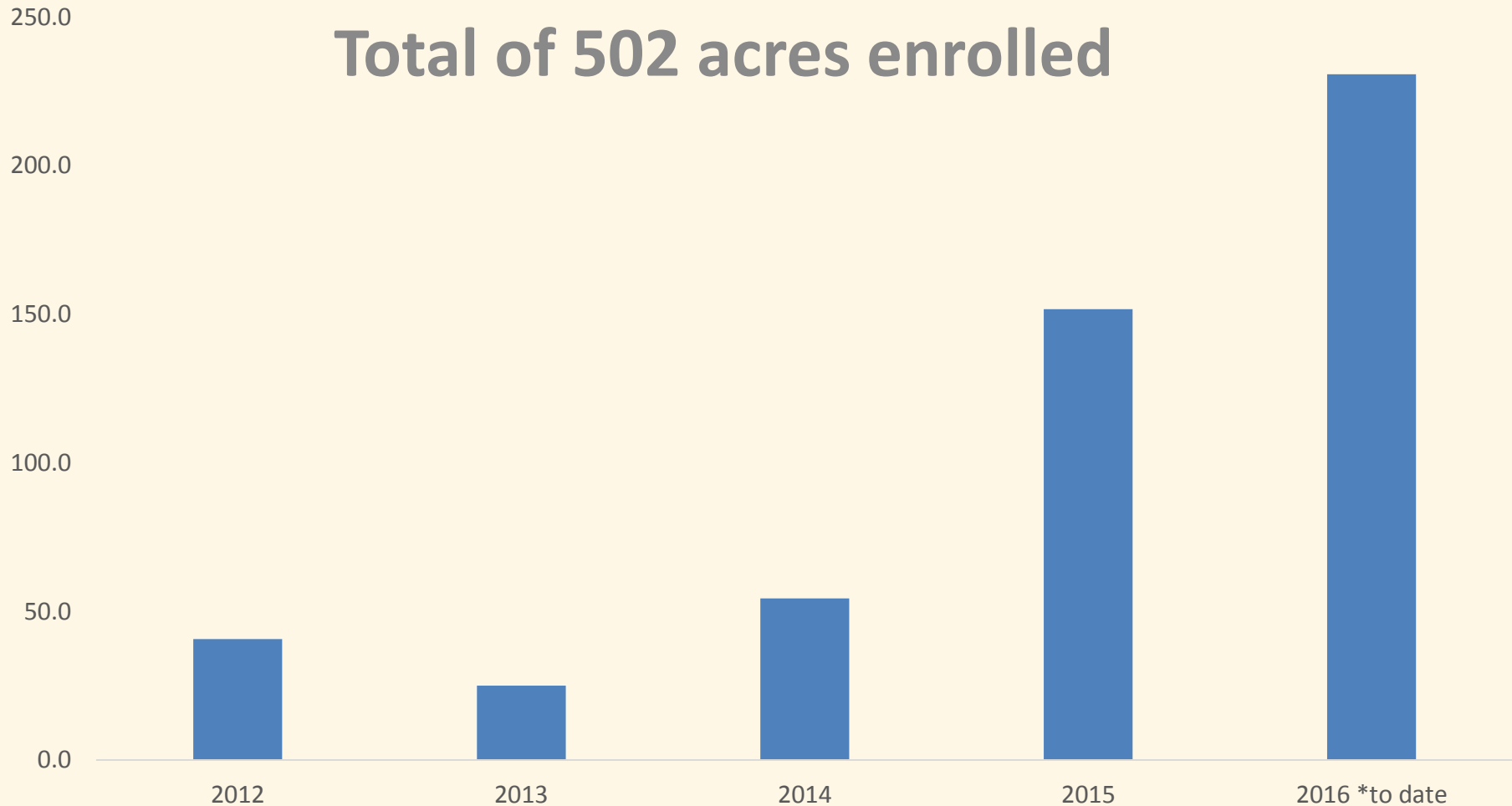
ALUS Canada Inc. Alberta Media Launch &
Parkland's 2nd Annual ALUS Farm Tour

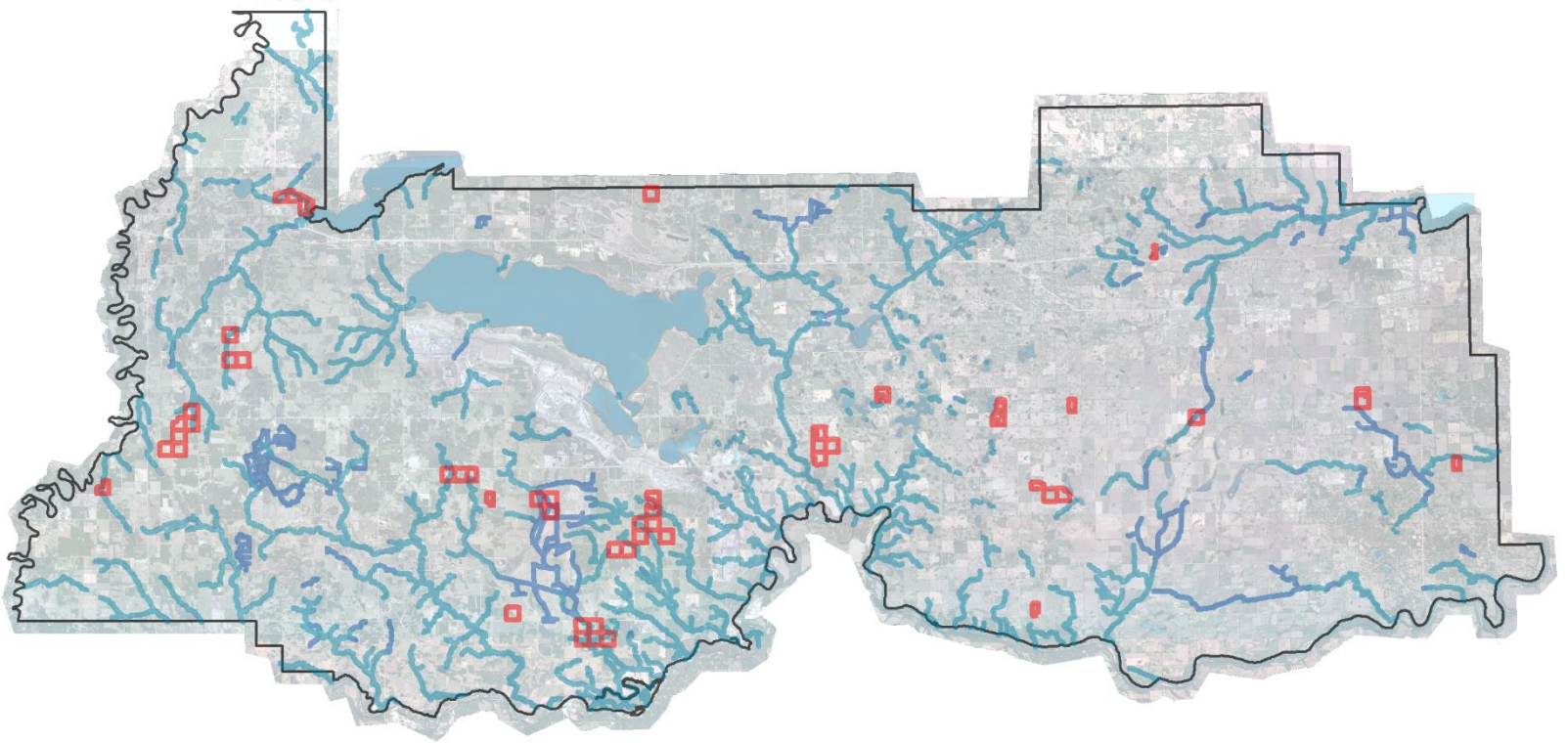


ALUS Progress



Total of 502 acres enrolled





**22 Producers/Landowners
enrolled**

2016 Project Overviews

- Reforesting Marginal Slopes (2)
- Fencing and watering systems (6)
- Reforesting a creek buffer along an ESA (1)
- Eco-buffer installation (1)

Lake Isle Creek 2014 Project



Project Example: Lake Isle Creek 2016 Project





"Growing a Healthier Environment"

ALUS across Alberta and Canada

ALUS Canada - 2 Alberta dedicated hires

- *Director, Ecosystem Markets, Business & Policy*
- *Alberta HUB Manager*

Developing funding opportunities

Ex. Partnership with Apidae Apparel



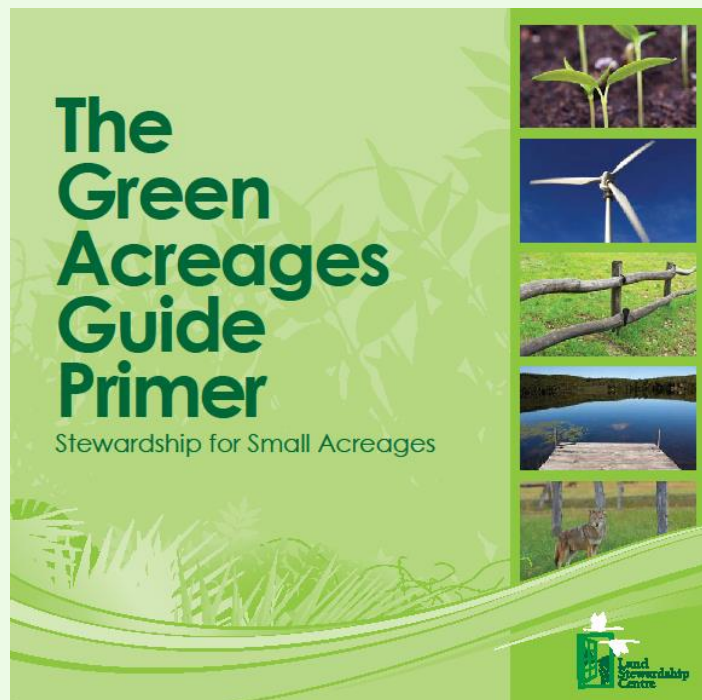
Challenges & Opportunities

- Agricultural Watershed Enhancement (Government of Alberta) grant delay
- Time lag of projects
- Growing Awareness of Producers
- Partnership with other ALUS municipalities



Green Acres

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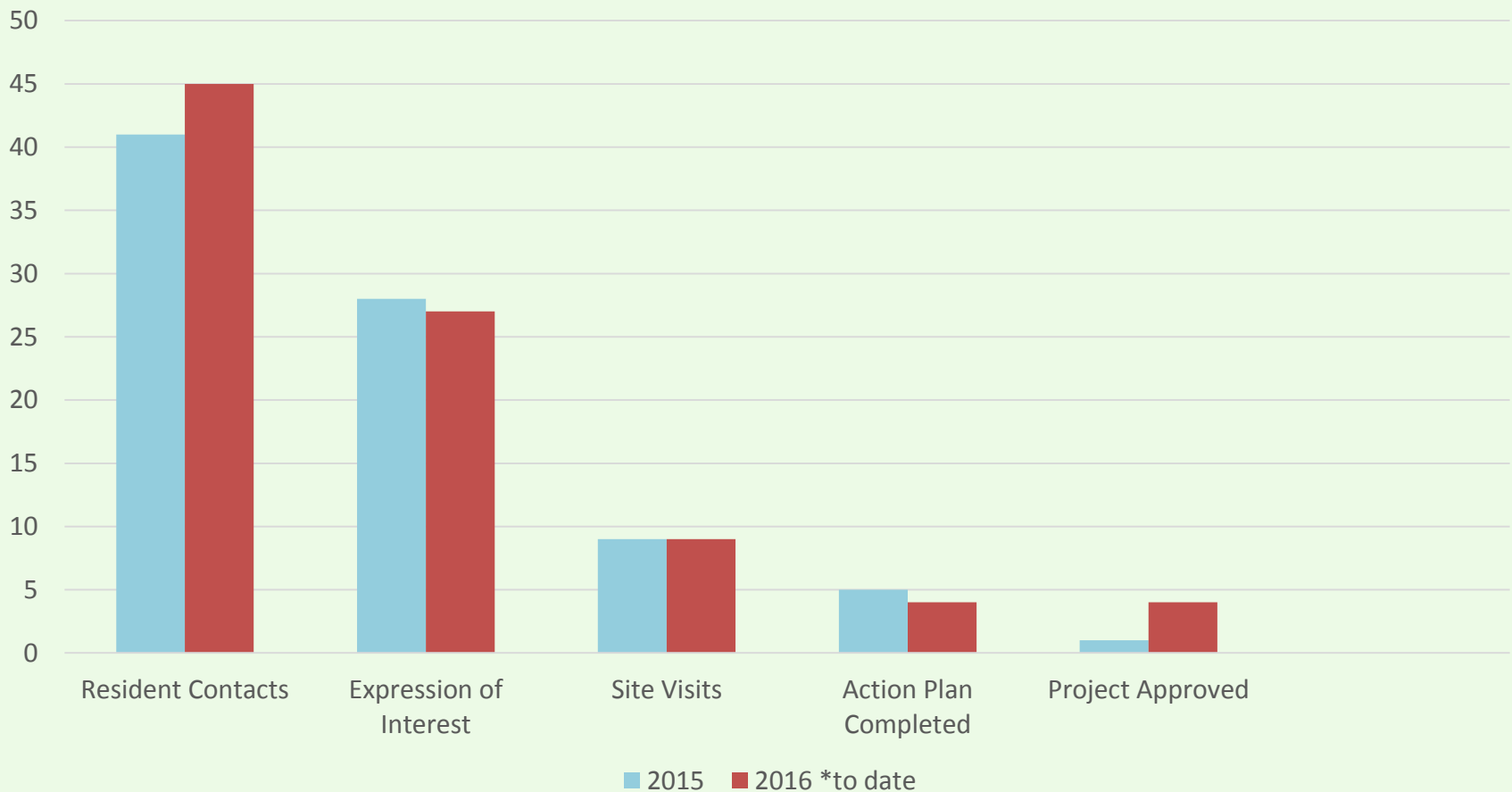
Education and incentive program for acreage owners in Parkland County.

The program has three goals:

1. Help acreage owners identify environmental issues on their land.
2. Help residents develop plans to address those issues.
3. Help them put those plans into on-the-ground action through incentives resulting in environmental benefit.



Progress to Date





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Green Acreages Workshop

April 13th, 2016

- 53 attendees, 5 breakout sessions
 - Project development
 - Safety Codes – Septic Systems
 - Ag Services
 - Agroforestry Woodlot Extension Society
 - Waterfront living





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Love your Lake 2016 – Lake Wabamun Collaboration with Nature Alberta

- Assessments being completed Summer of 2016
- Available to most shoreline properties with recommendations for action
- Green Acreages may provide funding for recommended projects

