



**Integrated Community Sustainability Plan  
Quarterly Report  
Q4 2012**

**Goal 1: Minimize Energy Related Green House Gas Emissions generated by Parkland County Operations**

	<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Desired Outcome</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
1.1	Energy audit for County buildings - Take advantage of MCCAC's TAME grant program: Take Action to Manage Energy.	Completion of Energy Audit.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Detailed Energy Assessment Report prepared by engineering firm and submitted to the County on December 12 2012. MCCAC prepared business case December 16th 2012. Administration is currently reviewing both documents.
1.2	Implement energy audit recommendations.	Implementation of the energy audit recommendations.	<b>To be implemented upon completion of initiative 1.1</b>
1.3	Energy Star/ high efficiency appliance purchasing procedure.	County-owned appliances are replaced with green models once they wear out.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Ongoing:</b> Sustainability Services was not made aware of any new electrical appliances purchased during this time.
1.4	Increase percentage of renewable energy used by Parkland County.	Percentage of renewable energy is increased upon renewal of electricity contract.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Sustainability Services prepared a report to compare renewable energy options for Parkland County. Report compares cost of electricity, Renewable Energy Certificates, Solar Power Purchase Agreements, and Solar Photovoltaic options. Report presented to executive committee in mid December. Sustainability Services asked to contact educational institution to see if students would be available to develop a refined project design and scope of project for a solar PV installation. Currently awaiting response.
1.5	Showcase renewable energy sources - install demonstration.	One or more renewable energy sources are installed at the Parkland County Centre.	<b>Not yet commenced.</b>

## Goal 2: Minimize Energy Related Green House Gas Emissions Generated by Residents and Businesses

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
2.1	Bulk purchase of Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs and sale to residents.	High efficiency light bulbs are made available to residents for purchase.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Temporarily Suspended:</b> Initiative suspended until 2013 due to low cost of CFLs and high cost of LEDs. This initiative will focus on LED lights in the future.
2.2	Educate residents about high efficiency appliances and the benefits of buying them.	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to make greener purchasing choices.	<p><b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Parkland Sustainability Tools - Including The Lighting Advantage Data Calculator were rebranded with Parkland County's new logo. Sustainability Services was authorized by administration to post the MS EXCEL™ versions of the programs on Parkland County's website. Programs to be posted by January 15th 2012.</p> <p><b>December 31st 2012 - Complete:</b> Shell Fuelling Change program voting ended October 31st 2012. 11th place overall. Received \$10 000.00 grant.</p> <p><b>December 31st 2012 - Completed:</b> "Energy Conservation" website content uploaded on June 14th. Newspaper articles completed and printed in November 2012.</p>
2.3	Educate residents on benefits of using renewable energy, and the possibility of purchasing up to 100% renewable electricity.	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to make greener utility purchasing choices.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Completed:</b> "Energy Conservation" website content uploaded on June 14th. Newspaper articles completed and printed in December 2012.

## Goal 3: Minimize Transportation Related Green House Gas Emissions Generated by Parkland County Operations

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
3.1	Replace office vehicles with more fuel efficient models.	Current vehicles are replaced with green alternatives where practical/available.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Ongoing:</b> Chevrolet Travers vehicles purchased to replace full-sized employee pool vehicles.

3.2	Replacement of vehicle fleet with environmentally friendly alternatives, where/when possible/practical.	Current vehicle fleet is replaced with green alternatives once they come to market where practical.	<b>When applicable.</b>
3.3	Managed Maintenance: GPS-based fleet vehicle maintenance scheduler.	Equipment installation is complete and system begins automatically scheduling vehicles for maintenance based on vehicle usage	<b>Completed</b>
3.4	Recycle all tires and fluids generated by the County's vehicle fleet.	All used tires and all used fluids are recycled.	<b>Completed.</b>
3.5	Implement a GPS based fuel savings program for County vehicles + employee educational campaign.	1. Equipment installation.	<b>Completed.</b>
		2. Employee education to obtain employee buy-in for the program.	<b>Not yet commenced.</b>
		3. Idling reduction campaign is implemented and green house gas emissions are reduced.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Sustainability Services developed a MS Excel™ based computer program to track and tabulate idling infractions.
		4. Speed tracking campaign is researched and implemented if practical.	<b>Not yet commenced.</b>
3.6	Implement a life-cycle purchasing criteria for vehicles and machinery.	1. Establishing benchmarks that vendors have to meet in order to do business with Parkland County – i.e. minimum performance standards.	<b>Completed.</b>
		2. Establishing a procedure which disqualifies suppliers who fail to submit required performance data.	<b>Completed.</b>
		3. Establish a buy-back program with a vendor that allows the selection of the best equipment on the market . Initiate multi year contracts for light vehicle purchases.	<b>Completed.</b>

3.7	Green small engine replacement program.	Replacement of 2-cycle equipment with more environmentally friendly options where practical.	When applicable.
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Goal 4: Minimize Transportation Related Green House Gas Emissions Generated by Residents and Businesses			
	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
4.1	Facilitate carpooling - dedicate parking lots etc.	Carpooling lots are dedicated and residents are made aware of the service.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Efforts to get residents to use the spots have seen limited success so far, although a number of regular users appear to be using the service. Looking at ways to increase signage to advise residents of the availability of the carpooling service.
4.2	Educate residents on ways of reducing transportation-related GHG emissions.	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to reduce their transportation related green house gas emissions.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Completed:</b> Shell Fuelling Change program voting ended October 31st 2012. 11th place overall. Received \$10 000.00 grant.
			<b>December 31st 2012 - Completed:</b> "Reducing Transportation Emissions" website content uploaded on June 14th. Newspaper articles completed and printed in October 2012.
4.3	Educate commercial and industrial operators on ways of reducing transportation-related GHG emissions.	Commercial and industrial operators are empowered via knowledge and tools to reduce their transportation related green house gas emissions.	<b>Not yet commenced.</b>

Goal 5: Minimize Water Used by County Operations; Minimize Waste Water Volume; Minimize Water Contamination			
	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
5.1	Replacement of conventional faucets and appliances with low-flow faucets and appliances.	Worn out appliances are replaced with green alternatives.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Ongoing:</b> Sustainability Services was not aware of any water-using devices that needed replacement during this timeframe.
5.2	Setup a rain barrel demonstration at the County Centre.	Rain barrel demonstration is setup to educate residents.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Not yet Commenced:</b> Will be implemented in spring 2013.

**Goal 6: Minimize Water used by Residents, Agriculture and Business; Minimize Waste Water Volume; Minimize Water Contamination**

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
6.1	Low-flow appliance incentive (i.e. toilets) Assess and implement if suitable.	Incentive program is assessed and established if practical.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Member of the Environmental Advisory Committee assigned as lead for this initiative. Member has presented findings to Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC). EAC member recommends not implementing a Low-Flow incentive program. Sustainability Services researching other options.
6.2	Educate residents on the benefits of purchasing low flow faucets and appliances, and of conserving water in general.	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to lower their water consumption.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Completed:</b> Shell Fuelling Change program voting ended October 31st 2012. 11th place overall. Received \$10 000.00 grant. <b>December 31st 2012 - Completed:</b> "Water Conservation" website content uploaded on June 14th. Newspaper articles appeared in September 2012 Reporter/Examiner and Communicator.
6.3	Rain barrel bulk purchase and sale to residents.	Rain barrels are made available to residents for purchase.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Completed for 2012:</b> 610 rain barrels ordered by the County, 592 sold to residents, 18 remaining.
6.4	Lobby higher orders of government- grey water recycling is currently Illegal in Alberta.	Representatives from higher orders of government have heard Parkland County's concerns.	<b>Not yet commenced.</b>
6.5	Educate residents on the benefits of organic pesticides and fertilizers.	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to make greener fertilizer and pesticide purchasing choices.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Completed:</b> "Water Conservation" website content uploaded on June 14th. Newspaper articles appeared in August 2012 Reporter/Examiner and Communicator.

**Goal 7: Minimize the Amount of waste that is Generated by County Operations and Maximize the Diversion Rate of Recyclables**

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
7.1	Pair every garbage bin with a recycling bin at County facilities.	Every garbage is paired with a recycle bin.	<b>Completed</b>

7.2	Embed recycling in employee culture.	Employee generated solid waste is reduced and recycling rate increases.	<b>Completed</b>
7.3	Ensure all organic materials are diverted from landfill - lunchroom composters.	Installation of composting infrastructure at the County Centre; diversion of compostables from County waste stream.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Ongoing:</b> 370KG of organic waste diverted from the landfill to date.
7.4	Each garbage can is paired with a recycle bin at recreational facilities.	Every garbage bin is paired with a recycle bin.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Ongoing:</b> Currently cardboard from deliveries is taken to eco station and bottles/ cans are collected by Staff. Parks and Recreation have acquired additional bin for at Chickakoo, will be installed in spring 2013. As we develop our park sites we will increase the number of recycle bins at the park sites.

**Goal 8: Minimize the Amount of Waste Generated by Residents and Maximize the Diversion Rate of Recyclables**

	<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Desired Outcome</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
8.1	Freecycle type website: allows people to post free online ads for things they no longer need.	Creation of section on County website.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Suspended:</b> Existing "Take It or Leave It" program is well known and used by residents. Website would needlessly duplicate existing effort.
8.2	Ensure every recyclable is recycled.	1. Implement a card-based tracking system that tabulates how much waste is generated by each household.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Budget approved in December 2012. Preliminary work to create new Card system has begun. Changes will be made throughout 2013.
		2. Explore establishing a reward system that privileges/rewards high recyclers over low recyclers.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Preliminary work with education and signage to improve diversion has begun at all transfer stations. Full implementation of this program will begin when Card system is upgraded.
8.3	Embed recycling in residential culture.	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to increase recycling and reduce solid waste.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Ongoing:</b> Education through various channels is on going (website, brochures, and vigorous staff intervention).

8.4	Implement a “garbage pooling” initiative.	1. Explore feasibility.	<b>December 31st 2012: Suspended:</b> While possibly reducing Greenhouse gasses garbage pooling may/will prove to be to be counter productive to the actions being taken to upgrade our card system and waste tracking. It will also hinder our ability to provide a reward based system in future to those that do recycle. Further investigation of this particular initiative is warranted. For more information contact Jason Doucette Solid Waste Coordinator.
8.5	Bulk purchase of composters and sale to residents.	Composters are made available to residents for purchase.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Completed for 2012:</b> 225 composters ordered by the County, 199 sold to residents, 26 remaining; 162 Kitchen compost bins ordered by the County, 150 sold to residents, 12 remaining; 180 compost turner tools ordered by the County, 165 sold to residents, 15 remaining.
8.6	Accept compostables at transfer stations.	1. Explore feasibility.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Compostables accepted at The Parkland County Transfer Station. Solid Waste coordinator has met with representatives from private composting firms. Solid Waste has requested project proposals from the firms. Awaiting proposals.
		2. Establish a system for accepting all compostables at transfer stations.	
<b>NEW</b>	Community Composting By-law	Explore policy options for empowering residents to establish community composting facilities.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In Progress:</b> Sustainability Services asked by Planning and Development to research policy options for empowering residents to setup small scale composting facilities. Draft policy written and presented to Planning and Development. After revisions, BL 35-2012 was presented to Council on December 18th 2012. Council gave first reading and requested public hearing for February 12 2013 at 9:30am.

<b>NEW</b>	Partner with external organisations to increase the County's waste diversion rate	Partnerships with external organizations are explored and established when appropriate	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Sustainability Services was contacted by a local community charitable organization to explore partnership possibilities. Sustainability Services visited the organization's facility in October 2012. Council met with representatives from the organization and directed administration to establish scope of partnership and assess feasibility. Administration met with representatives in December 2012 to discuss scope. Sustainability Services currently working with solid waste and public works to determine feasibility.
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### Goal 9: Minimize the Environmental Footprint of Parkland County's Recreational Facilities

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
9.1	Replacement of conventional appliances with green alternatives.	Worn out appliances are replaced with green alternatives at the end of their useful life.	<b>No update at this time.</b>
9.2	Chlorine substitute for the Entwistle Pool.	Chlorine substitutes are researched and a more environmentally friendly alternative is selected if possible.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Parks and Recreation were unable to conduct a detailed assessment as part of a larger study occurring in the community.
9.3	Organic and/or biodegradable substitutes for Outhouse treatment.	Conventional chemicals are replaced with the suggested environmentally friendly alternatives.	<b>No update at this time.</b>
9.4	Implement regulation "outlawing" the practice of dumping residential garbage at recreational facilities.	Signage is installed advising visitors on the new regulation.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Parks and Recreation have re-drafted Parks Bylaw to include a clause stating that residential dumping at park sites, including recreation facilities is illegal, as presently it is not. Tentative plan is to take Parks Bylaw to Council early in 2013.

9.5	Educate people on the reasons for implementing the regulation 9.4 - No dumping residential garbage at recreational facilities.	Fewer residents dump garbage at recreational sites and the volume of residential garbage found at recreational sites decreases.	<b>To be implemented upon completion of initiative 9.4</b>
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**Goal 10: Minimize the Damages Caused by Vehicles, Horses, and Pedestrians in Environmentally Sensitive Areas**

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
10.1	Educate residents on the damages that careless boating can cause and what people can do to minimize the impact of boating.	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to make responsible boating decisions.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Completed:</b> "Environmentally Responsible Recreation" website content uploaded on June 14th. Newspaper articles to be printed in Reporter/Examiner and Communicator in May 2013.
10.2	Dedicated OHV trails - assess options and implement most effective.	Options are assessed and findings are presented to public and council. Most effective option is implemented.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Currently working with a user group to review the possibility. Open house held in November 2012. Plans to present consultation results to Council in Feb. 2013 for further discussion.
10.3	Educate residents on the environmental damages caused by careless OHV use and what they can do to minimize the impact of operating OHVs.	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to make responsible decisions while operating OHVs.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Completed:</b> "Environmentally Responsible Recreation" website content uploaded on June 14th. Newspaper articles to be printed in Reporter/Examiner and Communicator in May 2013.
10.4	Dedicated Horse trails at Chickakoo + staging area.	Dedicated trail connection; staging area are constructed.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Concept Plan has been developed for Chickakoo which includes a separate staging area and trail link up for horses. Construction has begun, with staging area set to be fully completed in spring of 2013.
10.5	Educate residents on the environmental damages that careless horse riding can cause and what they can do to minimize the environmental impact of horse riding.	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to make responsible horse riding decisions.	<b>To be implemented upon completion of initiative 10.4</b>

## Goal 11: Minimize Destruction of Water Ways, Wetlands, and Riparian Areas

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
11.1	Use Conservation Easements and other mechanisms to conserve wetlands on county land.	The number of Conservation Easements or other similar conservation agreements that Parkland County has established combined with the total area under conservation increases.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In Progress:</b> Council approved entering into an agreement to donate the SW13-53-6-W5 to Alberta Fish & Game Association and Alberta Conservation Association for conservation purposes to restore the damaged riparian areas, prohibit OHV use and work with stakeholders to provide interpretative opportunities for youth groups and the general public.
11.2	Educate residents on the various conservation mechanisms that can be applied to environmentally sensitive portions of their properties.	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to protect environmentally significant portions of their properties.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Completed:</b> Benefits of setting up conservation easements/ALUS website content uploaded June 14th 2012. Newspaper articles to be printed in February 2013.
11.3	ALUS Establish market-based financial incentive program that provides payments for the conservation of wetlands on private land.	Partnership is assessed and pilot project is implemented if it suits both the conservation authority's interests and Parkland County's interests.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Ongoing:</b> Sustainability Services wrote draft Memorandum of Understanding between Parkland County and Delta Waterfowl to formally establish a working relationship. MoU passed by Council on October 9th 2012. On October 10th Mayor Shaigec helped install the first post at the Tomahawk Ranch to celebrate the launch of ALUS in Parkland County. Promotional material created to increase awareness of the program. Met interested producer in mid December 2012.
NEW	Establish a Naturalization strategy to maintain the biological integrity of intact areas and to restore degraded areas on publicly-owned land	a naturalization strategy is explored, developed and implemented	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Sustainability Services researched and wrote draft naturalization policy and site-specific project proposal. Both documents are currently being reviewed by administration.

**Goal 12: Showcase the Benefits of Sustainable Gardening and Sustainable Farming to Residents of Parkland County**

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
12.1	Organic, pesticide-free gardening - demonstration garden.	1. Composter is setup in lunch room. 2. Demonstration barrel is setup. 3. Parcel of land is chosen. 4. Soil is enriched with lunch room compost.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Organic waste is now collected at the County Centre and at the County Services building. Gardening initiative suspended until County Centre expansion is completed.
12.2	Sustainable farming - setup a demonstration farm with Green Hectares.	Demonstration farm is setup in partnership with Green Hectares.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Memorandum of Understanding to establish a formal working relationship between Parkland County and Green Hectares approved by Council December 18th 2012. Sustainability Services reviewed and re-wrote the draft Partnership Memorandum of Understanding between Parkland County and Green Hectares.

**Goal 13: Minimize Environmental Degradation Associated with Growing Parkland County's Economic Base**

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
13.1	Incorporate Low Impact Design (LID) in all appropriate new developments.	All appropriate developments are built using LID principles.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Ongoing:</b> LID principles are applied to all new developments where site conditions warrant.
13.2	Incorporate Smart Growth principles in all appropriate developments.	All appropriate developments are built using Smart Growth principles.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Ongoing:</b> Smart Growth principles are applied to all new developments where site conditions warrant.
13.3	Educate residents on the benefits of using renewable and recyclable materials in construction.	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to make greener material choices for home constructions and renovations.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Completed:</b> "Greening Buildings" website content uploaded June 14th 2012. Newspaper articles completed and ready to be published in march 2013.

13.4	GREEN AWARDS Parkland County's Greenest Builder Award.	Builder efforts to build green homes are recognized.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Member of the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) that was tasked with this initiative had to resign due to out-of County move. Currently seeking EAC member to take over responsibility with this initiative.
13.5	Expedited permitting process for green builders - assess feasibility and implement if suitable.	Builders are encouraged to build green homes via preferential permitting processes.	<b>Not yet Commenced.</b>
13.6	Compare a conventionally built house with a green built house and showcase existing green incentives for new homes.	Residents are made aware of green home building options and available incentives for new home builds.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Completed:</b> Newspaper articles completed and ready to be printed in April 2013.
13.7	Demonstration neighborhood: Establish partnership with green builder to build a model green neighbourhood.	A partnership is forged with a green developer.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Sustainability Services met with local developer/builder who received a large grant to build a sustainable neighbourhood. Initial talks were very constructive. However, the firm's top management decided to not expand their operations in Parkland County so they may concentrate on existing projects and ultimately reduce the number of municipalities they build in.
13.8	Green public building standard - (in) formal standard for construction/renovation of county buildings.	A green building standard is implemented.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Construction has begun on the new Acheson Fire hall. The Building contains many green features including: hydronic in floor heating, high efficiency lighting, and numerous other heating/cooling and electricity savings measures.
13.9	Showcase green home retrofitting options to County residents.	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to make greener home retrofitting choices.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Completed:</b> "Green Building" website content uploaded on June 14th. Newspaper articles completed and ready to be printed in April 2013.
13.10	Educate people on the grants and incentives that are available for home retrofitting projects.	Residents are made aware of green retrofitting options and available incentives for home retrofits/renovations.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Suspended:</b> All federal and provincial retrofit granting programs have ended as of March 31st 2012.

13.11	The Parkland Advantage.	Tool is made available for free to interested parties.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Completed:</b> The Parkland Advantage tool uploaded to County website and is now available for free. Program introduced to Acheson businesses at the Acheson Fall Business Breakfast.
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**Goal 14: Encourage the Establishment of an Eco-Industrial Business Park in Parkland County**

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
14.1	Implement a web-based waste advertising service.	Creation of website and/or section on County website	<b>Not yet Commenced.</b>
14.2	Preferential development charges for green industry.	An incentive program meant to attract eco-businesses to Parkland County is implemented.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> A member of the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) tasked to develop options for an eco-industrial program. Further research is needed on a number of initiatives. Sustainability Services currently researching issues.
14.3	Brownfield redevelopment program.	A Brownfield redevelopment incentive program is implemented if it suits the County's needs.	<b>Not yet Commenced.</b>

**Goal 15: Minimize Parkland County's Environmental Footprint Associated with the Purchase of Goods and Services**

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
15.1	Implement a Green Purchasing policy.	An increased amount of green products and services are purchased by the County.	<b>Completed.</b>
15.2	Establish a green product higher cost cap (15% more than conventional products).	A green product higher cost cap is set.	<b>Completed.</b>
15.3	Explore the applicability of implementing Centralized purchasing.	Centralized purchasing is explored and findings are acted on.	<b>Not yet commenced.</b>
15.4	Encourage all buyers at Parkland County follow Green Purchasing Policy.	Targeted employee campaign - employees who purchase items for the County are empowered to make greener purchasing choices.	<b>Not yet commenced.</b>

**Goal 16: Increase the Level of Cooperation Between Parkland County, Spruce Grove, Stony Plain and First Nations on Matters Related to Sustainability**

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
16.1	Establish a Tri-Municipal cooperative agreement on sustainability.	A Tri-Municipal agreement on sustainability is established; increased cooperation between Tri-Region municipalities on matters relating to regional sustainability.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Tri-municipal working group has identified a number of potential projects that could be implemented jointly, including: the tri-leisure centre energy efficiency improvements (group researched energy efficiency options, provided 2 methods for obtaining external funding, and offered to help), Regional transportation (a regional study was already under way), a servicing interface study for the Meridian Business Park (the WILD water line will address the servicing issues), and composting. The group applied for funding to do a regional composting facility feasibility study with Alberta Municipal Affairs. Awaiting response.

**Goal 17: Parkland County Demonstrates the Value of Implementing Various Green Solutions to Residents, Businesses and the Wider Community**

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
17.1	Parkland County leads by example in the following areas: energy, water, waste, and vehicle management, green purchasing, organic gardening, renewable energy technologies, and building construction.	Parkland County completes the following initiatives: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 3.1, 5.1, 5.2, 7.3, 9.2, 12.1, 15.1	<b>December 31st 2012:</b> Commenced (for details see the individual initiative update in this report): 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 3.1, 5.1, 5.2, 7.3, 9.2, 12.1, 15.1
			<b>December 31st 2012:</b> Not yet commenced: 1.5,

### Goal 18: Establish Universal Access to High Speed Internet Service in Parkland County

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
18.1	Implement Intelligent Communities Project - including: Connectivity Knowledge Workforce, Innovation, Digital Inclusion, Marketing and Advocacy.	Increased use of high speed internet for community and economic development.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In Progress:</b> The Connectivity Program is proceeding well. East region tower buildout is underway. New towers are constructed and operating at Carvel and Meridian, with another 6 to be built over the coming months. The Digital Inclusion Program now has 6 halls with free WiFi (Duffield, Entwistle, Seba Beach, Magnolia & Woodbend). Installation three other halls is pending.

### Goal 19: Parkland County Supports Local Community Initiatives; Increases the Level of Resident Participation on Matters Relating to Sustainability.

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
19.1	Establish the Environmental Advisory Committee.	Committee operational and providing advice to Council on environmental initiatives.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Ongoing:</b> The EAC held its latest meeting on November 20th 2012.
19.2	Establish a Community Association Sustainability grant program.	Sustainable Community Associations.	<b>June 30th 2012 - Ongoing:</b> Grant is being used more as time goes by.
19.3	Parkland County is the primary source for information on sustainable living for residents and businesses.	Website rollout and/or website section rollout and/or education campaign launch.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Completed:</b> Articles have been composed to provide residents with information on sustainable living on a monthly basis from July 2012 to May 2013.
<b>NEW</b>	Parkland County Supports the Edmonton Area Land Trust (EALT).	Parkland County works with the EALT in various ways to support its mission of conserving environmentally significant land in the Capital Region	<b>December 31st 2012 - In Progress:</b> Sustainability Services installed signage on behalf of the EALT at their Glory Hills property in Parkland County. Agriculture Services will help develop and implement a noxious and prohibited noxious weed control program with the EALT in 2013.

## Goal 20: Parkland County Officially Recognizes Community-Led Efforts to Promote Sustainability

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
20.1	GREEN AWARDS Celebrate community sustainability successes - employee, business, agricultural, residential, and youth efforts.	Community Sustainability Successes are recognized by the County.	<b>December 31st 2012 - In progress:</b> Member of the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) that was tasked with this initiative had to resign due to out-of County move. Currently seeking EAC member to take over responsibility with this initiative.

## Goal 21: Parkland County Supports Its Local Community Organizations to Enhance the Quality of Life Enjoyed by Residents

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
21.1	Preserve our heritage: Establish a program for the digitization of archive material held by local organizations.	Heritage is preserved.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Temporarily Suspended:</b> With changes to organization structure, it was too difficult to find the time to organize in 2012. Will be revisiting in 2013.
21.2	Encourage partnerships between community organizations: pool resources, volunteers, funding etc. - facilitate if needed.	Increased awareness; more partnerships are established; greater leveraging of resources for service delivery.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Ongoing:</b> We continue to connect CA's with each other for working on projects and issues.
21.3	Explore ways to increase the level of participation of youth and young adults in community events and organizations	Increased participation by youth and young adults.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Ongoing:</b> Initiated formally through speaking with groups on how to make their halls more relevant to this demographic.
21.4	Capacity building for volunteers - training: marketing the organization, board development, volunteer recruiting etc.	Training sessions are conducted; volunteer capacities are increased.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Ongoing:</b> Have begun working more collaboratively with a regional group on this issue. Sessions planned for the next 6 months. Subject matter: volunteer development, social media, Bridging the gap - volunteers and aging.
21.5	Emphasize project-based volunteer positions over long-term positions for new volunteers.	Increased retention of first-time volunteers.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Ongoing:</b> Initiated informally by speaking with groups on how to make their halls more relevant to this demographic.

21.6	Establish a volunteer incentive program - research and implement most effective option.	Incentive program is established.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Temporarily Suspended:</b> Intention was to run workshop but with changes to organization structure, it will be too difficult to find the time to organize in 2012. Will be revisiting in 2013.
21.7	Encourage sponsorships between community associations and private sector.	The number of partnerships between community associations and the private sector increases.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Temporarily Suspended:</b> With changes to organization structure, it was too difficult to find the time to organize in 2012. Will be revisiting in 2013.
21.8	Perform a County-wide infrastructure audit for all community halls - mechanical, electrical, structural evaluations.	Infrastructure audit is conducted on all community halls.	<b>Completed</b>
21.9	Increase Community Association resource efficiencies: encourage community organizations to combine resources: buildings, boards, volunteers etc.	Increased cooperation between Community Associations for the purpose of increasing the efficient use of resources.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Ongoing:</b> Community Development Coordinators are connecting groups dealing with similar projects or concerns.

**Goal 22: Parkland County Increases the Quality and Quantity of Social and Cultural Events Hosted in the County**

	<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Desired Outcome</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
22.1	Program and event fund - for organizers of social events in the County.	Fund is made available to organizers of social events.	<b>Completed.</b>
22.2	Provide "fun bags" with equipment for group activities. i.e. sports equipment.	Fun bags are made available to event organizers.	<b>Completed.</b>
22.3	Education for event organizers on how to successfully organize social events and to ways increase the event's sustainability.	Event organizers are empowered via knowledge and tools to reduce the environmental footprint of those events.	<b>December 31st 2012 - Temporarily suspended:</b> Intention was to run workshop but with changes to organization structure, it was too difficult to find the time to organize in 2012. Will be revisiting in 2013.
22.4	What's happening section on the County website.	Section is created on the County website.	<b>Completed.</b>
22.5	Top ten things to do in Parkland County section on website.	Section is created on the County website.	<b>Completed.</b>