

STEWARDING AGRICULTURAL WATERCOURSES

During Phase 1, we reached:



- Producers
- Environmental professionals
- Local & provincial government staff

These challenges were raised:

Lack of sufficient compensation for ecosystem services provided by watercourse stewardship.



Complex authorization and permitting processes.



Limited time, capacity, and access to skilled labour.



Lack of coordinated action within government.



Lengthy, complex funding application process with strict spending deadlines.

To address these concerns, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food is:

1 Creating a **Change Approvals*** Guide for producers, Qualified Environmental Professionals, and others working on watercourse stewardship projects on farmland.



2 Creating a plain-language **Legislative Guide** for agricultural landowners to provide clarity on rights and responsibilities related to watercourses.



3 Convening across **Ministries** to action cross-jurisdictional solutions.



These immediate steps are part of a comprehensive Action Plan. To learn more, visit the [SAW project website](#).