

CONCERN

Degraded riparian areas

SOLUTION

Install fencing to decrease erosion of the creek bed

Sustainability Through Planning

Through the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) process, the Moat's have made improvements that will benefit the environment and ensure future generations are able to farm sustainably.

Chris and Heather Moat operate an organic grain, cattle, and hog operation in the Arras area of the Peace River Regional District. In discussions with Chris, it was very clear that their goals and operational visions included sustainability for their children and potentially their grandchildren to carry on farming. The Environmental Farm Plan process allowed the Moat family to identify areas of the farm where their farming practices could improve in order to benefit the environment.

"One really good way to start the process was to take care of the riparian areas around our creeks and water drainage systems" commented Chris Moat. "In completing the Environmental Farm Plan and the Beneficial Management Practices application process, the assistance from our Planning Advisor made the paperwork easy and the overall project run in an organized, well thought out manner".

In previous years, the cattle were slowly degrading the areas of the creek where watering access was easiest. Through the 2017 program year, Chris and Heather Moat installed riparian fencing to restrict livestock access to the creek. "We are very happy to know that this project will allow for regeneration of the vegetation and decreased erosion of the creek bed", said Chris.



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