



**2 693 acres**

of parkland and boreal  
habitat conserved



**105**

Citizen  
Science  
volunteers



**15th**

conservation  
land secured

**107**  
Conservation  
Land  
Stewards



**2 EMERALD  
AWARDS**



**400 000**  
trees planted



# EDMONTON & AREA LAND TRUST ANNUAL REPORT 2022

15 YEARS OF CONSERVATION



**400**  
nest boxes



**23**  
bat boxes

**1 MAPS**

banding  
station



**360 plants**  
in our  
pollinator garden



**3 000+**  
volunteer hours  
in 2022



**51**  
species-at-risk  
recorded



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## ABOUT US

The Edmonton and Area Land Trust (EALT) is a registered charity that conserves nature in Edmonton and area for current and future generations. Established in 2007 through a partnership between the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Community Foundation, Urban Development Institute-Edmonton Region, Land Stewardship Centre of Canada, and the Edmonton Nature Club, EALT is governed by a Board of Directors represented by our founding Members and the public at large. We have a small team of staff and interns and are supported by a community of volunteers, partners, and funders. As the region's land trust we secure and steward land in the city of Edmonton and within a 150-kilometre radius through land donations and conservation easements. We are active in the community and raise awareness of land conservation in our digital and print communications, presentations, nature walks, and hands-on workshops.

### VISION

A network of forests, river valleys, wetlands, lakes, and farmlands in Edmonton and area is conserved as a legacy for future generations.

### MISSION

We conserve nature in Edmonton and area, engaging people and communities in land conservation and stewardship.

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

City of Edmonton  
Edmonton Community Foundation  
Edmonton Nature Club  
Land Stewardship Centre  
Urban Development Institute-Edmonton Region

### BOARD EXECUTIVE

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## MESSAGE TO OUR SUPPORTERS

This year the Edmonton and Area Land Trust celebrates 15 years! We are happy to share 15 highlights from 15 years with you.

In 2022, we secured our **15th conservation land**. JBJ McDonald Conservation Land was the first property EALT directly purchased, seeded by a generous donation of stock options which acted as a catalyst to inspire others to donate and make the purchase possible.

It was also a catalyst for our successful application to Environment and Climate Change Canada's Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund. In 2022, we were awarded a **\$1.5 million grant for land securement**. To match the momentum, we launched a campaign to fundraise **\$1.5 million for land stewardship**. Together, over the next five years, we will secure and steward an additional 800 acres of parkland and boreal habitat in the Edmonton area.

This work has already started. Late in 2022, we used the federal grant to purchase **151 acres of carbon-rich land** in a Key Wildlife and Biodiversity Zone north of Edmonton. With campaign funds, we set up a stewardship endowment for the newly conserved land. Endowment funds have been key to EALT's growth over the past 15 years—the principal remains untouched and the interest from the investments provide us with sustainable and predictable funding for operations and stewardship. We have **26 endowment funds** at the Edmonton Community Foundation, including two new funds in 2022.

Volunteers have always been an essential part of EALT. Year over year, the number of volunteers and volunteer hours grow—it's now the equivalent of one additional full time person on our stewardship team! Since our call out two years ago, **107 Conservation Land Stewards** have helped us with routine stewardship and monitoring activities on EALT lands and **105 Citizen Science volunteers** have collected data on amphibians, bats, birds, loons, and snakes, with data submitted to large scale monitoring programs.

**Hundreds of stewardship event volunteers** have joined us over the past 15 years. Volunteers help us maintain **400 nest boxes**—these support species from chickadees and wrens to cavity nesting ducks, and produce hundreds of successful fledglings each year. We have **23 bat boxes**; three with active colonies of the at-risk Little Brown Bat. We have **removed 30 km of fence wire**, making our lands safer for wildlife. We have **planted 360 native plants** at our pollinator garden and tended to the **400,000 trees planted on EALT lands** to ensure they have space to thrive. Volunteers have **built hundreds of bee hotels and bird boxes** which we sell in the EALT Shop, and share their talents in writing, art and photography with us.

During the past 15 years, EALT received not one, but **two Emerald Awards** for environmental excellence.

As we reflect on the past 15 years, we are inspired by what EALT has accomplished together with our volunteers, donors, and supporters. We hope you are too. We look forward to what we will accomplish together in the years to come.



Sheila Campbell  
Executive Director



Sandra Meidinger  
Board President



## LAND SECUREMENT

Our land securement activities received a super boost in 2022 with a five-year, \$1.5 million federal grant for land securement from Environment and Climate Change Canada's Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund.

This grant—paired with support from landowners, donors, and the Alberta Land Trust Grant Program—sets EALT on a path to conserve 800 acres of mature, carbon-rich, ecologically valuable land in the Edmonton region between 2022 and 2027.

The carbon-rich habitats we protect with this grant will help us achieve priorities set in the *EALT Strategic Plan 2020-2025* and *Regional Conservation Plan*. Protecting ecologically important land from conversion to other uses helps us do our part in Canada's fight against climate change, while providing benefits for biodiversity and human wellbeing.



### JBJ McDonald Conservation Land

In early 2021, a donor approached EALT about her desire to seed the purchase of a new conservation land west of Edmonton. The Edmonton Community Foundation (ECF) facilitated her gift of stock options and, by fall of that year, the JBJ McDonald Capital Fund was in place. The donor's vision inspired others and people gave generously to our holiday giving campaign.

Combined with EALT's own capital fund, which donors had been contributing to over the years, and donations from three ECF donor-advised funds and an anonymous donor, by January 2022, we were able to start seriously looking at land sales.

The right property came faster than we had expected, and in April 2022, we purchased a 130-acre parcel on Lily Lake in Lac Ste Anne County.

JBJ McDonald Conservation Land is one quarter section from the Lu Carbyn Nature Sanctuary and is adjacent to the provincial Lily Lake Natural Area. Nearby is other public lands, significant lakes, natural areas and privately conserved lands. Conserving this property supports landscape connectivity for wildlife in the region and protects carbon-rich coniferous bogs, birch stands, and mixed-wood forests.

In the summer, staff collected data on the land's flora and fauna and mapped its vegetation communities. We will use this baseline data to monitor changes over time and to help identify habitat enhancement needs and priorities.

With a community grant from the Edmonton Community Foundation, we established a parking area and trails, and installed boundary and wayfinding signs and wildlife cameras. We applied to the Alberta Land Trust Grant Program, a vital source for endowment funding to support the long-term stewardship of this newly conserved land.

We officially opened JBJ McDonald Conservation Land in November 2022. We extend a heartfelt thank you to the JBJ McDonald family and to all EALT donors, supporters and volunteers—conserving this special place was truly a collective effort.

**This project was undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Canada through the federal Department of Environment and Climate Change.**

**Ce projet a été réalisé avec l'appui financier du gouvernement du Canada agissant par l'entremise du ministère fédéral de l'Environnement et du Changement climatique.**

*Project partners: JBJ McDonald donor, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Edmonton Community Foundation's Don & Joan Stanley Fund, JBJ McDonald Capital Fund, JBJ McDonald Stewardship Fund, Kouri Family Fund, and Slavik Family Fund.*



## **New conservation land**

With our first direct land purchase completed in the spring of 2022, we were ready to pursue a second once our grant agreement with the federal Department of Environment and Climate Change was in place.

Soon after signing, we came across a 151-acre parcel of land for sale in a Key Wildlife and Biodiversity Zone north of Edmonton. Ecological mapping showed nearby provincial natural areas, a priority area for wetland birds, and privately conserved lands. Staff did a site visit and it was clear that protecting the property's mixedwood forest, coniferous bogs, and willowed wetlands was important to protect landscape connectivity and biodiversity. Conserving the property would also protect the vital ecological services its mature ecosystems provide, in particular carbon storage.

Late in 2022, we completed the purchase and took steps to establish the property's stewardship endowment fund with a \$55,000 donation from an anonymous donor. This generous gift will help us care for this land, in perpetuity.

In the new year, we will continue to explore partnerships for stewarding and naming this site, and in the spring and summer, we gather ecological data for the Baseline Documentation Report and Conservation Management Plan. Watch for stewardship events next year as we work to ready the site for visitation.

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*Project partners: Anonymous donor, Edmonton Community Foundation, and Environment and Climate Change Canada.*



## Securement projects

In 2019, we were approached by an extended family seeking to conserve 64 acres on Wabamun Lake. The family wished to protect the mixedwood forest and tame pasture, and in turn, protect the steep cliffs and shoreline below.

The two acres of shoreline along the property provide important habitat for nesting and breeding birds. The family has observed a number of species on or near the property, including Osprey and Bald Eagles nesting around the lake.

In 2022, we continued to work with the family to protect the property with a conservation easement and as a registered ecogift of the federal Ecological Gifts Program. We took steps towards setting up the endowment fund, which will support EALT's ongoing monitoring and stewardship of the conservation easement. We thank the Alberta Land Trust Grant Program for supporting this project with a grant that will help ensure the long-term stewardship of this ecologically important land on Wabamun Lake.

Throughout the year we explored potential land donations and conservation easements with landowners seeking to protect their land. This involved desktop research on prospective properties, site inspections, and assessments for suitability and feasibility. We also engaged with conservation partners to identify and evaluate opportunities for co-owners, co-management, and/or co-governance.

We thank the Alberta Land Trust Grant Program and the Government of Canada through the federal Department of Environment and Climate Change for supporting this foundational work.

We also thank the Edmonton Community Foundation for elevating our land securement activities over the next three years with a Foundation Directed Initiatives grant.

*Project partners: Alberta Land Trust Grant Program, Edmonton Community Foundation, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and landowners.*



## LAND STEWARDSHIP

Edmonton and Area Land Trust has 12 conservation lands that we own or co-own with conservation partners, and we hold four conservation easements on private land. In total, EALT has conserved 2,693 acres.

1. Boisvert's GreenWoods
2. Bunchberry Meadows
3. Coates
4. Evelyn's Acres (CE)
5. Golden Ranches
6. Hicks
7. JBJ McDonald
8. Larch Sanctuary (CE)
9. Lu Carbyn Nature Sanctuary
10. maskihkîy meskanaw - Glory Hills
11. Ministik
12. New conservation land (to be named)
13. New Jubilee (CE)
14. Parkland County Easement (CE)
15. Pipestone Creek
16. Smith Blackburn Homestead

### Trees & Beavers

Beavers are important ecosystem engineers—their activities improve water quality, control flooding, and create and maintain wetlands that many other species rely on. Their activities can also rapidly deforest an area. This is what prompted us to take management actions to preserve some of the older, mature trees near the water at Smith Blackburn Homestead.

In 2022, volunteers helped wrap 33 mature, older-growth trees with wire to ensure these trees can continue to filter air and water, sequester carbon, and provide food, shelter and nesting sites for birds, small mammals and insects.

*Project partners: One Tree Planted and volunteers.*



### Targeted Browsing by Goats

The 2022 season was EALT's third year using goats to help manage invasive plants. Thanks to these go-getter gobblers, we've seen a huge difference in the extent and density of invasive plants at Pipestone Creek and maskihkîy meskanaw - Glory Hills.

One might think all it takes is a handful of goats, but hundreds visit at a time, coming back twice in the year to eat Canada thistle, orange hawkweed, and common tansy. This intensive effort depletes the plants' energy stores, leaving space for native flora to flourish.

Thanks to multi-year funding from the federal Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk, as well as a grant from TD Friends of the Environment, we will use goats again next year to help reduce invasive plants, improving habitat for the endangered Little Brown Bat.





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*Project partners: Environment and Climate Change Canada and TD Friends of the Environment*

## Habitat restoration

One of our stewardship goals is to improve conditions for native plant species to thrive on our conservation lands.

In 2022, we held stewardship events to clip seed pods and pull invasive plants. We thank all the corporate and community volunteers who volunteered their time and energy. Your collective efforts helped reduce the extent of invasive plant patches on our lands, preventing further spread, and restoring habitat to maintain ecosystem health and biodiversity.

A special thank you to all the youth from the Canadian Wildlife Federation's WILD Outside program.

This was the second year for the pollinator garden at Smith Blackburn Homestead. Once an intense patch of Canada thistle, the space is now home to native plants and supports native

species of insects, birds and mammals. We look forward to seeing the plants continue to grow.

We were thrilled that the pollinator garden was recognized by the Society for Organic Urban Land Care as exemplary *Greener Greenspace* stewardship in 2022.

*Project partners: Alberta Conservation Association, Alberta Fish and Game Association's Minister's Special Licence Program, Edmonton Community Foundation, King's University, Nature Conservancy of Canada, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, WILD Outside, and volunteers.*

## Signage

We designed, installed, repaired, and replaced signs at eight EALT lands in 2022. These signs display boundaries, permitted uses, site-specific information, and interpretation of the natural environment.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped install signs to prepare for the opening of JBJ McDonald Conservation Land in 2022.



*Project partners: Edmonton Community Foundation and volunteers.*

## Trails

We maintained approximately 39 kilometres of trails on 10 conservation lands in 2022: Bunchberry Meadows, Glory Hills, Hicks, Pipestone Creek, Boisvert's GreenWoods, Smith Blackburn Homestead, Coates, JBJ McDonald, Lu Carbyn Nature Sanctuary, and Ministik.

This is a lot of trails! Thank you to our committed Conservation Land Stewards who help keep the trails clear so people can hike, snowshoe, and even cross country ski.

We truly couldn't do it without you. Case in point—Trim the Trails event at Glory Hills. Volunteers gathered to clean up a trail that had become overgrown with young trees and shrubs. What a difference a few hours made. The trail was once again walkable, and the team had enough time to install a couple of nest boxes and put up fence reflectors.

*Project partners: Edmonton Community Foundation, Nature Conservancy of Canada, and volunteers.*

## Wildlife Cameras

We maintained wildlife cameras on seven of our conservation lands in 2022. These cameras help us better understand what species of wildlife are using our lands to live in or travel through.

The cameras capture images of species that, in some cases, we wouldn't know were there. Images also make us aware of unpermitted activity, such as snowmobile or off highway vehicle use. In 2022, we installed additional signage at key spots of concern.

Volunteers helped collect the SD cards from the wildlife cameras, and reviewed, named and filed the images for us.



*Project partners: WildTrax and volunteers.*

## Wildlife-friendly Fencing

In 2022, we enhanced spaces for wildlife by removing unnecessary fencing, tightening and reducing barbed wire, and adding fence reflectors to increase visibility.

A highlight of the season was the enthusiastic corporate group that volunteered with us to remove an old barbed wire fence section hidden in the forest of Glory Hills as a team-building activity. They definitely worked as a team to find and carry the barbed wire out of the land. Win-win!



*Project partners: Volunteers*

## Bird Conservation

We support migratory and nonmigratory birds at our conservation lands by providing habitat, both natural and artificial. With the help of our volunteers, we maintained owl, waterfowl, bluebird/tree swallow, and chickadee/wren nest boxes at seven of our conservation lands—for a grand total of 400 nest boxes!

EALT is also an active member of the Edmonton Bird Team, working closely with other local organizations and individuals to designate Edmonton as a Bird Friendly City through Nature Canada's certification process in 2022.

*Project partners: Birds Canada, Nature Canada, and volunteers.*



## Conservation Land Stewards

This was the second year of our Conservation Land Stewards (CLS) program. In this program, volunteers select a land to steward on a regular basis with a partner. From basic monitoring to more intensive stewardship activities, they develop a deep relationship with their chosen land and help us identify needs and changes over time.

From January to March we recruited volunteers; in April staff did online and on-site training, and in May CLS volunteers began stewardship tasks at their chosen land. After each visit, volunteers documented their

activities, which helped staff keep track of ongoing stewardship needs.

In 2022 CLS volunteers made a total of 103 visits to eight EALT lands. They kept trails clear, clipped and pulled invasive plants, fixed and replaced signs, inspected fences and gates, removed debris, checked geocaches, and cleaned nest boxes.

We thank the Alberta Ecotrust for supporting expansion of the Conservation Land Stewards program. With the Ecotrust grant, we expanded the acres being stewarded by CLS volunteers from 500 acres to 1,400 acres.





## Citizen Science

This was the second year of our revised Citizen Science program. This program is for volunteers interested in technical field work and data collection on wildlife species.

In 2022, with the help of a grant from the Edmonton Community Foundation, we expanded the Citizen Science program to include amphibian monitoring and bird banding.

We were blown away by the interest – 105 Citizen Science volunteers in 2022. Their efforts contributed to increased data on amphibians, bats, birds, loons, and snakes, and helped us better understand biodiversity on our lands.

## Amphibian Monitoring

There are five species of amphibians that can be found in the Edmonton region. The wetlands and waterbodies on EALT lands have the potential to support amphibian life cycles. We wanted to learn more—and asked Citizen Science volunteers to help out.

Biologist Kris Kendell from the Alberta Volunteer Amphibian Monitoring Program (AVAMP) helped us develop protocols for auditory and visual surveys. We trained 14 CS volunteers who conducted surveys from late April to June. Four species were detected, including the at-risk western toad. Hundreds of individual amphibians were recorded.

Staff submitted data to AVAMP and to the Fisheries and Wildlife Management Information System to help monitor amphibian populations across Alberta.



## Bat Box Monitoring

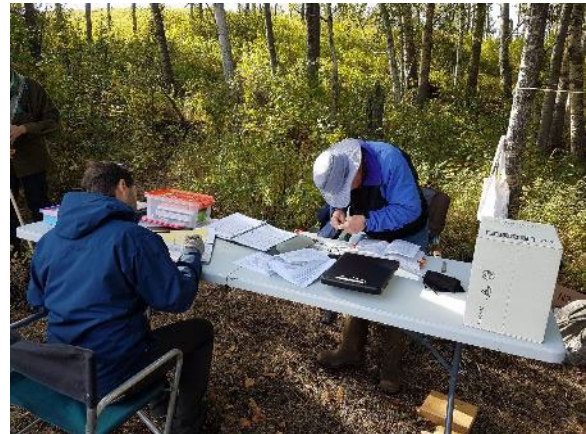
The little brown bat was emergency listed as Endangered under Canada's Species at Risk Act because of the sudden population declines due to White Nose Syndrome.

To help protect sensitive bat species we have 24 multi-chambered bat boxes on EALT lands. This provides additional roosting habitat for bats.

In 2022, Citizen Science volunteers monitored 13 of the bat boxes. We submitted the data collected to the Alberta Community Bat Program to help track bat populations across the province.

## Bird Banding

In 2022, we added the Devonian Parklands Banding Station project at Bunchberry Meadows to our Citizen Science program. This is a Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) station to collect data about local breeding birds.



Over six days during the breeding season, 10 mist nets were opened and 20 volunteers helped band or recapture 206 birds from 23 species. Some birds banded include least flycatchers, cedar waxwings, black-capped chickadees, and a rose-breasted grosbeak.

Data collected at the station was reported to the Institute for Bird Populations and the Canadian Bird Banding Office for researchers to access for further studies.

## Loon Surveys

In 2022, 15 Citizen Science volunteers completed the second season of loon surveys. Volunteers surveyed lakes at three of our conservation lands for the presence of common loons. Five lakes had loons present. We submitted the data to Bird Canada to help track common loon populations across the province.

## Snake Relocation and Monitoring

Did you know that snakes like some other species in our northern climate hibernate during winter? Not only that but garter snakes gather by the hundreds, and sometimes thousands, in an underground hibernaculum to escape the cold temperatures.

Neighbours discovered a garter snake hibernaculum in the ditch just outside of one of our properties. The snakes had set up home in a risky location, right next to a road where they'd naturally seek out warmth on the asphalt—and be at risk of being run over.

After extensive research and consulting with government and wildlife biologists, we set out to build an artificial hibernaculum and relocate the snakes. Few artificial snake hibernacula have been constructed then thoroughly documented and monitored—so this was an exciting project for EALT to show leadership.

We enlisted volunteers with special skills and equipment to help design and build the hibernaculum. We held three stewardship events and gladly embraced the efforts of Citizen Science volunteers to help relocate the snakes. We will continue to monitor the hibernaculum and move more snakes to safety next year.

*Project partners: Alberta Conservation Association, Alberta Environment and Parks, Parkland County, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, and volunteers.*





# COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

Communications and outreach efforts this year focused on building relationships with diverse organizations and increasing awareness of our mission and how people can get involved.

Staff attended the National Summit for Canadian Land Trusts in Ottawa, along with 160 professionals from across Canada. It was valuable to connect with other land trusts and Indigenous groups and to learn from their perspectives and practices in land conservation and stewardship.

We joined land trust colleagues to form the Regional Land Trusts of Alberta (RLTA), an alliance that gives voice to land trusts with regional mandates. RLTA provides a forum to share experience and practices, and brings the voice of Alberta's regional land trusts to provincial and national discussions. EALT staff created RLTA's website (rlta.ca) and helped develop tools to support the land trust sector.

We joined our colleagues at Métis Nation of Alberta on site visits to prospective lands, and shared perspective and practices in land securement and stewardship. We also shared tools and resources with the Alberta Farmland Trust, a new land trust formed to protect agricultural land.

We hosted information booths at community events, including the Edge at Larch Park opening and the Bloomin' Garden Sale at the Alberta Avenue Community League. Staff held bee hotel workshops for community and corporate groups, a nest box workshop for WILD Outside youth, and presented the keynote at the University of Alberta's Environmental and Conservation Sciences Students Association networking event.

We maintained quality content on our website, social media, blog, and Resource Library. We featured Flora/Fauna/Fungi Fridays and recurring Camera Trap Tuesday on social media. We shared regular updates on land securement and stewardship activities in *Conservation Connections*, EALT's e-newsletter with over 2,500 subscribers. We responded to inquiries from the media. Smith Blackburn Homestead was highlighted in a CBC story on winter walks and Coates for its rich dinosaur history. The JBJ McDonald donor story was featured in the fall issue of the Edmonton Community Foundation's *Legacy in Action* magazine.





## FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

### Business Administration

Over the past couple of years, the staff and board worked to ensure a strong foundation for EALT—the five-year strategic plan, regional conservation plan, and board and operational policies and procedures that align with the Canadian Land Trust Standards & Practices.

We thank the Edmonton Community Foundation for supporting this foundational work with the Foundation Directed Initiatives grant in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

All this work came to fruition in 2022 when we successfully applied for a five-year, \$1.5 million federal grant for land securement from Environment and Climate Change Canada's Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund. EALT now has an incredible opportunity to protect carbon-rich land and make a local impact in the global challenge of climate change and biodiversity loss.

### Fundraising campaign

For every acre conserved, we must look ahead and fund land stewardship too. Successful land securement exists only with a thoughtful, long-term plan for land stewardship.

To match the momentum of the federal grant, we launched Action. AMPLIFIED. to raise \$1.5 million for stewardship over the next five years.

Donors responded to our call to amplify action. Restricted donations, together with unrestricted donations and unrestricted grants, totalled over \$162,000 for land stewardship in 2022.

A special thank you to the 133 individuals who donated to EALT this year. We also extend our thanks to Alvéole Urban Beekeeping and 1108628 Alberta Ltd.

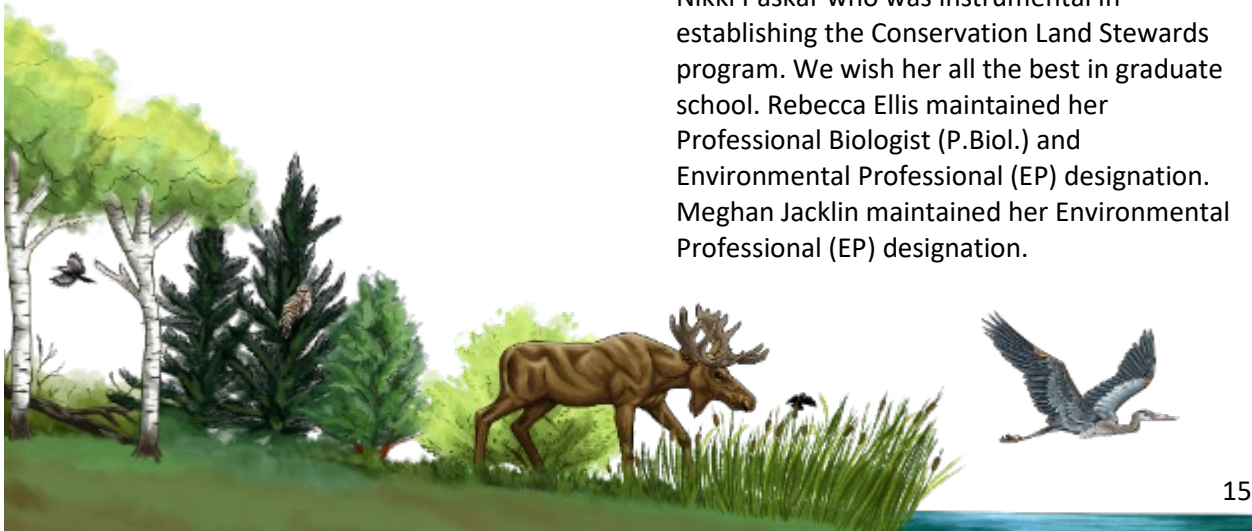
### Board of Directors

The board held its annual general meeting in May 2022. Don Philippon, Kristyn Mayner and Rebecca Goodenough were welcomed to the board. Directors were active and engaged on board committees throughout the year:

- Executive Committee
- Governance Committee
- Finance and Audit Committee
- Recruitment Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Land Securement Leads Committee

### Human Resources

We were pleased to welcome new staff to our team in 2022. Dori Blackie joined as our office administrator, and Kayleen Falkenstein and Ciara Fraser joined as conservation coordinators. We give a heartfelt thank you to Nikki Paskar who was instrumental in establishing the Conservation Land Stewards program. We wish her all the best in graduate school. Rebecca Ellis maintained her Professional Biologist (P.Biol.) and Environmental Professional (EP) designation. Meghan Jacklin maintained her Environmental Professional (EP) designation.



## Endowment Funds

Endowment funds keep EALT healthy and strong. The annual draw from our endowments provide us with reliable, sustainable funding for daily operations and for our core work in land securement and stewardship. Our first endowment was in 2007— today we have 26, including two new funds in 2022. Every fund, every dollar makes a difference.

Thank you to the Edmonton River Valley Conservation Coalition (ERVCC) for establishing the ERVCC River Valley Fund in 2022. This fund supports land acquisition and the conservation of natural ecosystems in the North Saskatchewan River valley in the greater Edmonton area. We also thank Larix Communities Inc. for celebrating the community of Larch Park by establishing a permanent endowment fund for Larch Sanctuary.

In more good news, donations to EALT endowed funds in 2022 were amplified by the Edmonton Community Foundation's Endowment Matching Program for Environmental Organizations (EMPEO). Thanks to the generosity of our endowment fund donors, we reached the maximum match.



### Edmonton Community Foundation

- *Betty Fisher Fund*
- *Boisvert Stewardship Endowment Fund*
- *Bruce's Spruce Conservation Fund*
- *Devon Dunes/Glade Farm Fund*
- *EALT Agricultural Legacy Fund*
- *Edmonton and Area Land Trust Capital Fund*
- *Edmonton and Area Land Trust Operating Fund*
- *Edmonton and Area Land Trust Conservation Endowment Fund*
- *Edmonton Nature Club Endowment for Land Conservation & Stewardship*
- *EMPEO Fund for Edmonton and Area Land Trust*
- *ERVCC River Valley Fund*
- *JBj McDonald EALT Capital Fund*
- *JBj McDonald Conservation Land Stewardship*
- *Larch Sanctuary Endowment Fund*
- *Livia Stoyke Foundation EALT Fund*
- *Lu Carbyn Nature Sanctuary Trust Fund*
- *Noni Lee Conservation Endowment*
- *New Jubilee Conservation Lands Fund*
- *Ministik Stewardship Endowment Fund*
- *North Saskatchewan River Valley Conservation Society Capital Fund*
- *Pipestone Creek Stewardship Endowment Fund*
- *Prairie Crocus Fund*
- *Smith-Blackburn Homestead Fund*
- *Ross & Eleanor Wein Family Fund*
- *Russell/Reine Family Conservation Fund*
- *Daisy Memorial Creek & Wetlands Fund*



## Grants

In 2022, we engaged in a number of projects with the support of grant funding. We thank our granting partners, including:

- Alberta Conservation Association
- Alberta Ecotrust
- Alberta Fish and Game Association
- Baillie Fund
- Canada Alberta Job Grant
- Edmonton Community Foundation
- Government of Alberta's Land Trust Grant Program
- Government of Canada's federal Department of Environment and Climate Change
- One Tree Planted
- TD Friends of the Environment

The Edmonton Community Foundation supported EALT through its:

- Community Grants Program
- Foundation Directed Initiative
- Operating Grant for Environmental Organizations
- Small Grants Program

We extend our appreciation to the donor-advised family funds that supported our work, including:

- Edmonton Community Foundation
  - Allen Family Fund*
  - Benevolent Badgers Fund*
  - Cinders Fund*
  - Collins Hazen Family Fund*
  - Denman Endowment Fund*
  - Don & Joan Stanley Family Fund*
  - Eldon & Anne Foote Fund*
  - Fenna Family Fund*
  - Lewis & Elizabeth Hodgkinson Fund*
  - Slavik Family Fund*
- John Maude and Susan Quinn Charitable Foundation
- Laing Family Fund, TD Private Giving Foundation
- The Muttart Foundation





## Financial Statements

The Edmonton and Area Land Trust was audited for the year 2022. The complete Financial Statements and the Independent Auditor's Report can be viewed on our website at [ealt.ca](http://ealt.ca) or on request from the EALT office.

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As of December 31, 2022, EALT held \$267,690 in cash assets. This included year two of the three year \$75,000 Environmental Operating Grant awarded to EALT by the Edmonton Community Foundation. Term deposits totalled \$743,429. This included grant funds for two multi-year Alberta Land Trust Grant program grants and endowment fund disbursements from the Edmonton Community Foundation.

EALT held \$4,456,332 in non-tangible assets in the form of conservation easements and \$7,514,625 in ecologically valuable land. The increase in 2022 is due to the acquisition of JBJ McDonald and a second land for conservation north of Edmonton. The net book value of the EALT work truck and other equipment decreased in 2022. EALT has a multi-year lease for its office space.

## REVENUES AND EXPENSES

The total draw from our endowments was \$250,896, an increase of \$30,198 from the previous year. We were awarded \$62,592 from donor-advised grants held at the Edmonton Community Foundation, and received \$37,871 in unrestricted donations from the general public. Haying income, shop sales, and workshop and other fees brought in \$11,397 in revenue. Restricted revenue in the form of grants awarded to EALT for land securement and stewardship projects totalled \$720,177. This included disbursements from the JBJ McDonald Capital Fund, EALT Capital Fund, and the Land Trust Grant Program grants held in term deposits.

EALT maintained its office with associated expenses. Stewardship-related expenses were incurred to monitor, maintain, and steward land and easements. The increase in stewardship expenses was due to special projects, including at the new JBJ McDonald Conservation Land. Travel expenses were comparable to the previous years. Securement costs increased in 2022 with the appraisal, legal, and professional expenditures for new projects. EALT contributed \$165,593 to its endowment funds held at the Edmonton Community Foundation.



**EDMONTON AND AREA LAND TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022**

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash .....	\$ 267,690	\$ 104,366
Term deposits and accrued interest .....	743,429	953,304
Accounts receivable .....	38,356	10,785
Prepaid expenses .....	<u>3,199</u>	<u>3,411</u>
Total current assets .....	<b>1,052,674</b>	1,071,866
CONSERVATION EASEMENTS .....	<b>4,456,332</b>	4,456,332
ECOLOGICALLY VALUABLE LAND .....	<b>7,514,625</b>	6,942,025
EQUIPMENT (Note 3) .....	<u>4,631</u>	<u>13,311</u>
TOTAL .....	<b><u>\$13,028,262</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,483,534</u></b>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities .....	\$ 25,375	\$ 22,257
Deferred revenue (Note 4) .....	<u>573,203</u>	<u>637,950</u>
Total current liabilities .....	<u>598,578</u>	<u>660,207</u>
DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Note 5) .....	<u>3,696</u>	<u>12,795</u>
<b>NET ASSETS:</b>		
Invested in conservation easements and ecologically valuable land .....	<b>11,970,957</b>	11,398,357
Invested in equipment .....	935	516
Unrestricted .....	<u>454,096</u>	<u>411,659</u>
Total net assets .....	<u>12,425,988</u>	<u>11,810,532</u>
TOTAL .....	<b><u>\$13,028,262</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,483,534</u></b>

Approved on behalf of the Board:

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**EDMONTON AND AREA LAND TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

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	Invested in Conservation Easement and Ecologically Valuable Land	Invested in Equipment	Unrestricted	<b>2022 Total</b>	2021 Total
Balance at beginning of the year .....	\$11,398,357	\$ 516	\$ 411,659	<b>\$11,810,532</b>	\$11,689,232
Excess of revenue (expenses) for the year ...	-	419	337,437	<b>337,856</b>	121,300
Contribution of land .....	277,600	-	-	<b>277,600</b>	-
Purchase of land .....	<u>295,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(295,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at end of the year .....	<u>\$11,970,957</u>	<u>\$ 935</u>	<u>\$ 454,096</u>	<b><u>\$12,425,988</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,810,532</u></b>

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