

Who's Who in the Watersheds

[Alberta's Watersheds](#) - There are seven major watersheds, or river basins, in Alberta. They are listed below from north to south:

1. Peace/Slave River Basin
2. Athabasca River Basin
3. Hay River Basin
4. Beaver River Basin
5. North Saskatchewan River Basin
6. South Saskatchewan River Basin
7. Milk River Basin

There are many opportunities for Albertans to participate in watershed management:

Provincially – Alberta Water Council

Regionally – Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs)

Locally – Watershed Stewardship Groups

Provincially

[Alberta Water Council](#)

The Alberta Water Council is an independent, multi-stakeholder body that was created in May 2004. Its purpose is to identify and address water issues in the province and to guide implementation of Alberta's Water for Life strategy.

[Water For Life](#)

The Government of Alberta is committed to the wise management of Alberta's water quantity and quality for the benefit of Albertans now and in the future. The *Water For Life* strategy is based on three key goals: safe, secure drinking water supply; healthy aquatic ecosystems; and reliable, quality water supplies for a sustainable economy.

Regionally

Under *Water for Life*, Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPAC) will be established for Alberta's major watersheds. These councils are multi-stakeholder non-profit organizations that bring sectors in a watershed together to assess the conditions of their watershed and to develop a plan and activities to address watershed issues.

Currently, nine watersheds have organizations formally recognized as [Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils](#):

[Athabasca River Watershed \(under development\)](#)

[Battle River Watershed Alliance](#)

[Beaver River Watershed Alliance](#)

[Bow River Basin Council](#)
[Lesser Slave Watershed Council](#)
[Milk River Watershed Council Canada](#)
[North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance](#)
[Old Man Watershed Council](#)
[Red Deer River Watershed Alliance](#)
[South East Alberta Watershed Alliance](#)

Locally...and a Good Place for You

Alberta Stewardship Network

Under *Water for Life: Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability*, the Government of Alberta (GOA) and its partners recognize the tremendous grassroots effort found in communities across the province to care for our watersheds and water resources. To support this effort, the GOA has provided further funds to the Alberta Stewardship Network (ASN) to, in turn, provide support for Watershed Stewardship Groups.

Watershed Stewardship Group is a broad term to encompass diverse types of community partnerships that are actively engaged in environmental stewardship of their local watershed. Such groups are inclusive (they may include individuals, organizations, agriculture, industry, municipalities and other forms of local government) who work together to set common goals and achieve shared outcomes.

Central Alberta has many local water groups listed.