Least Conflict Lands for Renewable Energy Development

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AGENDA (2:00 – 4:30)

• About Miistakis
• Least Conflict Lands Process
• Municipal Case Study
• Panel Discussion
• Feedback Gallery
• Session Wrap Up
Miistakis Institute

The Miistakis Institute is a not-for-profit, charitable applied research institute affiliated with the Mount Royal University.
Research Specializations

- Citizen Science for Conservation
- Private Land Conservation
- Transportation Ecology
- Human Wildlife Coexistence
- Conservation Planning and Policy
- Municipalities and Conservation
Renewable Energy Development Decision Support Tools for Municipalities

- Municipal survey
- Education Session
- Tour of Elemental Solar site
- Fact sheets
Least Conflict Lands

Why this project?

Alberta’s Climate Strategy targets 30% by 2030

Municipal survey: need for tools and support
Least Conflict Lands Project
About the project

- Modeled on LCL in California
- Stakeholder driven process
- Pilot project
- Available data
- Non-regulatory planning tool
- Municipal scale: not parcel scale
Stakeholders

- Agriculture
- Ecological
- Culture/Viewsheds
- Solar
- Wind
- Transmission

Municipal Staff
Municipal Council
Provincial Staff
ENGOs
Subject Matter Experts
Industry
Least Conflict Lands: PROCESS

**WORKSHOP 1**
Key Features and Criteria
- Interviews
- Survey
- Create theme layers

**WORKSHOP 2**
Test and Refine Layers
- Refine layers
- Report

**Finalize**
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