

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LAND THROUGHOUT LEDUC COUNTY  
TOTALLY UNPROTECTED IN PROPOSED LAND USE BYLAW

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LEDUC COUNTY, AB- June 12, 2007 – The Friends of Leduc Area Greenspace (FLAG) citizens' coalition wants all Leduc County residents to be aware of a drastic land use bylaw change that is soon going to Leduc County Council for approval. The latest draft land use bylaw proposes to:

1. Remove ALL land use zoning which protects environmentally sensitive areas of Leduc County, including irreplaceable watersheds, green spaces, the Ministik Natural Area, and the North Saskatchewan River valley. Such lands may be developed and their natural resources extracted;
2. Zone almost all County lands as Agricultural, but with a wide array of permitted or discretionary uses, which will enable almost any kind of objectionable development, like gravel extraction or asphalt plant, to occur on that land without public input;
3. Place development approval authority totally in the hands of the County's administrative staff, without requiring prior notice to the public or approval by the County's elected Councillors.

The May 17, 2007 Draft Land Use Bylaw does not have any land use designation that will specifically preserve any of the land of Leduc County in its natural state for our future generations and wildlife.

FLAG calls upon Leduc County Council to overhaul the draft Bylaw. Environmentally sensitive lands like the North Saskatchewan River valley and Ministik Natural Area.

FLAG is also concerned with the timing of this initiative. The entire process of public county notification and input is again occurring during the busy summer months when most people are taking vacations, working the land or are otherwise busy.

Concerned persons are urged to call your Councillor and attend an open house to let County administration and Councillors hear your views:

June 19, 2007, 5:30 p.m.  
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