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## **AE-03 Soil Conservation Enforcement Obligations**

### **Policy Statement**

As a requirement under the Soil Conservation Act, Section 15(1), “*the local authority of a rural municipality shall appoint at least one soil conservation officer to enforce the Soil Conservation Act.*”

### **Definitions**

- *Owner*, according to the Soil Conservation Act, means, with respect to land, the person registered under the Land Titles Act as the owner of the land
- *Soil Conservation Officer*, according to the *Soil Conservation Act* is an agricultural fieldman appointed under section 8 of the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, or an officer appointed by the local authority (Council) under the *Soil Conservation Act*.

### **Policy Authority**

#### **Legislative and policy implications**

Soil conservation enforcement will be completed in accordance with:

- *Alberta Soil Conservation Act*
- *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

### **Service Level Standards**

- Inspections will be conducted in accordance with relevant legislation.
- Recommendations will be provided to property owners for effective soil management.
- When necessary, a notice under the *Soil Conservation Act* will be issued.

### **Policy Responsibilities**

#### **1. Council responsibilities**

Council shall:

- Approve the Soil Conservation Enforcement Obligations Policy.

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## 2. Administration responsibilities

Department directors and managers shall:

- Review this policy as required to ensure that the policy complies with all current, relevant legislation and municipal policies.

Designated Inspectors shall:

- Inspect both public and private property when necessary.
- Provide information and recommendations to residents and property owners.
- Issue notices when required.

### **Monitoring & Updating**

This policy should be reviewed every two years.

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