

# AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING September 13, 2011 12:00 PM – CVRD Boardroom 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC V9L 1N8

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## Full Agenda Package:

DIRECTOR HARRISON DIRECTOR HAYWOOD DIRECTOR WALKER DIRECTOR MCGONIGLE DIRECTOR KENT DIRECTOR COSSEY DIRECTOR HUTCHINS DIRECTOR DOREY DIRECTOR KUHN DIRECTOR MORRISON

AS WELL AS: GEORGE BAIRD, ALTERNATE JOHN MILNE, ALTERNATE MARSHA STANLEY, ALTERNATE ROB KLINE, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LANDS WARREN JONES, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER MARK KUEBER, GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES TOM ANDERSON, GENERAL MANAGER PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT GEOFF MILLAR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER KATHY LACHMAN, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER Minutes of the Regular meeting of the AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE held at the CVRD Boardroom, June 28, 2011 at 12:00 pm.

PRESENT: Chair M. Marcotte Director G. Giles Director L. Iannidinardo Director L. Duncan Peter Keber Joanne McLeod Dan Ferguson George Robbins Pat Durose Mick Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Craven

- STAFF: Tom Anderson, GM Planning & Development Geoff Millar, Manager Economic Development Kathy Lachman, Business Development Officer Judy Mills, Recording Secretary
- ABSENT: Director G. Seymour, Rodger Hunter, Ian Christison, Wayne Haddow, George Baird, John Milne, Marsha Stanley

Three addenda were added.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ADOPTION OF

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded the agenda be accepted.

#### MOTION CARRRIED

It was moved and seconded the Regular AAC meeting minutes of April 26, 2011 be accepted.

### MOTION CARRRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

BA1 EXPLORE AVENUES OF ASSISTING NEW FARMERS

PERMANENT

At the March 22, 2011 AAC meeting it was moved and seconded that the AAC Chair form a working group of committee members to explore avenues of assisting new farmers to enter into the agricultural industry.

Chair Marcotte reported this will be taken care of by the subcommittee work and will be handled under reporting.

BA2The members reviewed draft Bylaw No. 3515 and made theDRAFT BYLAWfollowing amendments:TO ESTABLISHTo establish

#3(b) include representatives from (i) Cowichan Watershed Board

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	ii) District A Farmer's Institute (iii) Cowichan Exhibition Society.	
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/ t	t was moved and seconded the Regional Agricultur Advisory Commission shall consist of sixteen members (wi he addition of i. ii. iii.); (under #3c) all non-elected membe shall be appointed by Board resolution.	ith
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	It was moved and seconded (under #4a) the terms of offi be staggered.	ce
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	It was moved and seconded (under #6b) to advise the Boa on issues of importance to the agriculture community and ALR exclusion applications, ALR subdivision applicatio and change of use applications as referred by the Electo Area Services Committee as well as any other matt referred to it by the Board.	on ons oral
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	Tom Anderson left the meeting.	
	Item #6c(iii) quarterly progress/status reports to the Bo Discussion ensued. Suggested item for next meeting agend "how to build those relationships".	ard. a is
	It was moved and seconded to recommend to the CN Board to consider Bylaw #3515 as amended for readings adoption.	/RD and
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BA3 INVITATATION TO THE AGRICULTURE LAND COMMISSION	In reference to the April 26, 2011 AAC meeting minutes C Marcotte will send out a letter of invitation to the Agriculture L Commission for the September or October AAC meeting.	hair .and

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# CORRESPONDENCE

C1 INVESTMENT AGRICULTURE FOUNDATION	Geoff Millar received a letter dated May 25, 2011 from the Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC regarding approval for funding an Islands Agriculture Show Pilot Project. The show is scheduled to take place February 3-5, 2012 at the Cowichan Exhibition Park.
	It was agreed Chair Marcotte will attend one planning committee meeting for support and understanding of general concept.
	It was suggested to request a support letter from Cedar Farmer's Institute to be addressed to Jim Van Barneveld.
	It was noted that Buckerfields and Top Shelf foods have invested in the community and members would like to see them included along with local farm dealers.
C2 CVRD COMMUNITY & REGIONAL PLANNING DIVISION	Chair Marcotte received a letter dated June 14, 2011 from the CVRD Community and Regional Planning Divison regarding the proposed South Cowichan OCP. The information was circulated by email to all members. The hearing was held June 27, 2011 and the discussion is now closed.
REPORTS	
R1 UPDATE ON IRRIGATION WORKSHOP	Director lannidinardo and George Robbins attended this event and gave a brief report. Another workshop will be scheduled for November to provide opportunity for more attendees.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
UB1 SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES	George Robbins reported for subcommittee group one. It was noted to change 4(a) #5 bullet point six on page 40 from year 1884 to 1984.
	Dave Craven arrived at this point.
	Dan Ferguson reported for subcommittee group two. It was noted EFP stands for Environmental Farm Plan. It was decided to add action item 3(c) #2 lobby the provincial government to reinstate extension services.
	Pete Keber reported for subcommittee group three. Discussion ensued regarding use of the Rooster marketing logo. Geoff Millar will investigate and report back at the next meeting.
	The members agreed that all items reviewed fit high priority level. Kathy Lachman suggested the subcommittees review with more

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detail and resources to make recommendations to the Board.

Chair Marcotte asked the subcommittees to continue to meet in July and August. Next AAC meeting will be in September.

It was noted the agenda package contains the subcommittee working documents to be used for future work. You can write on the document and it will be updated as work continues.

It was suggested it would be good to have a few TLC documents to share with members.

**NEW BUSINESS** 

NB2

FRESH MAP

NEXT MEETING

NB1 RESIDENTIAL **PRIVELIGES ON ALR**  In reference to April 26, 2011 AAC minutes, page 5, new business Residential privileges on ALR will be added with item #1. subcommittee group one's work.

Geoff Millar handed out the 2011 Buy Local, Buy Fresh map. The CVRD authorized an ad with the EDC in support of our local BUY LOCAL, BUY farms and the farming community.

> Next meeting will be in September. Due to the UBCM conference the date will be moved to September 13, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

**MOTION CARRIED** 

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm.

Certified Correct:

Chairperson

Secretary

Dated:



# COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

# **BYLAW NO. 3515**

# A Bylaw to Establish a Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission for the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Cowichan Valley Regional District has adopted the Cowichan Region Area Agricultural Plan;

AND WHEREAS the Board wishes to increase awareness of agricultural issues in the Cowichan Valley Regional District and provide leadership in the promotion of agriculture as an important economic driver in the region;

AND WHEREAS the Board wishes to establish a Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission to direct the implementation of the Area Agricultural Plan;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Cowichan Valley Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

### 1. CITATION

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "CVRD Bylaw No. 3515 - Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission Establishment Bylaw, 2011".

### 2. DEFINITIONS

In this bylaw:

- a) "Commission" means the Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission established by this Bylaw.
- b) "Board" means the Board of the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

The Commission shall consist of sixteen members, as follows:

- a) Five Commission members shall be Directors of the Cowichan Valley Regional District (three Electoral Area Directors, one North Cowichan Municipal Director, and the Board Chairperson).
- b) One representative from each of the following organizations:
  - . Nanaimo Cedar Farmer's Institute
  - i, Shawnigan Cobble Hill Farmer's Institute
  - ii. Cowichan Agricultural Society Ш.
  - CVRD Economic Development Commission iV.

- v. CVRD Environment Commission
- vi. The Regional Agrologist, Ministry of Agriculture
- vii. Duncan Farmer's Market
- viii. Farm Credit Canada
- ix. Cowichan Watershed Board
- x. District A Farmer's Institute
- xi. Cowichan Exhibition Society
- c) All non-elected members shall be appointed by Board resolution.

### 4. TERM OF OFFICE

- a) The term of office for Commission members shall be three years and terms shall be staggered.
- b) In the event of vacancy of office, a replacement appointee shall hold office for the otherwise unexpired term of office.
- b) Commission members may be re-appointed for a further term or terms.
- c) The Board may, at any time, terminate the appointment of a member.
- d) The Board may remove from membership any member appointed who has failed to attend three consecutive Commission meetings without good cause.

### 5. PROCEDURE

- a) The Board Chair shall appoint a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Commission who shall hold office until a successor is appointed.
- b) In the absence of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, the Commission shall elect from the members present a temporary Chairperson for the purpose of that meeting only.
- c) A quorum is nine members, one of whom must be a Director of the Board.
- d) All decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Commission shall be made by a majority of the members present at the meeting, with each member having one vote.
- e) Where not otherwise covered in this bylaw, the rules of procedure governing Commission meetings shall be those of the current Board Committee and Commissions Procedures Bylaw of the Cowichan Valley Regional District.
- f) Minutes shall be kept for all meetings of the Commission, and a copy of such minutes shall be forwarded to the Legislative Services Division of the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

### 6. **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The responsibilities of the Commission shall be as follows:

- Implement the CVRD Agricultural Area Plan and the recommendations contained in a) that Plan. More specifically to:
  - Review all 78 recommendations;
  - Identify those activities already underway and identify the groups and organizations undertaking those activities;
  - Ensure that sufficient resources are available to accomplish activities and if required, identify the additional resources needed;
  - Prioritize activities to be undertaken;
  - Identify the activities that have not been addressed and prioritized;
  - Identify the necessary resources to complete those activities; and
  - Make recommendations to the CVRD to allocate resources to accomplish those activities.
- Advise the Board on issues of importance to the agricultural community, and on ALR exclusion applications, ALR subdivision applications and change of use applications b) as referred by the Electoral Area Services Committee as well as any other matters referred to it by the Board.
- Subject to the provisions otherwise contained in this bylaw, provide the Board with c) advice by way of:
  - Matters which may legally or financially bind or commit the Board; (i)
  - Provide input to an annual financial plan which will be become a specific (ii) Economic Development Agriculture Project in the annual Function 121 budget;
  - (iii) Quarterly progress/status reports to the Board.

#### 7. GENERAL

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- a) All members of the Commission shall serve without remuneration, except for such "out of pocket" expenditures as may have received prior authorization by the Board.
- b) No recommendation of the Commission or other matter requiring ratification by the Board shall be acted upon until it has been approved by the Board.

READ A FIRST TIME this	13 <sup>th</sup> day of	<u>July</u> , 2011.
READ A SECOND TIME this	13 <sup>th</sup> day of	, 2011.
READ A THIRD TIME this	<u>13<sup>th</sup></u> day of	<u>July</u> , 2011.
ADOPTED this	13 <sup>th</sup> day of	July , 2011.
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Corporate Secretary

# Judy Mills

From: Sent: To: Cc:	Mary [marym@island.net] Tuesday, July 26, 2011 10:07 AM Karen Davis; Judy Mills; Kathy Lachman External Tim McGonigle; The Cowichan Press; ssimpson; Routley.MLA, Bill; Rondeau, Andrea (DUNC); External Phil Kent; Obee, Dave (Times-Colonist); Mike Tippett; External Mel Dorey; External Lori Iannidinardo; ExternalLDuncan; External Klaus Kuhn; Ken Cossey; John McKinley; External Gerry Giles; External George Seymour; Friends Against Rubbish Management Site; External Dave Haywood; chek news; cbc; Brian and Gerry Harrison; ben
Subject:	stuart prov min community dev Re: To Mary Marcotte - Chair and the CVRD Agricultrual Advisory Commission Members and Alternates - please pass to members whose emails i don't have - thank you.

In response to your email, I will request that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion at next Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting

### Mary Marcotte

----- Original Message -----

From: Karen Davis

Cc: tim mcGonigle ; The Cowichan Press ; ssimpson ; Routley.MLA, Bill ; Rondeau, Andrea (DUNC) ; phil kent mayor ; Obee, Dave (Times-Colonist); mike tippett; Mel Dorey; lori iannidinardo; Loren Duncan; klaus kuhn; Ken Cossey; John McKinley ; Gerry Giles ; george seymour ; Friends Against Rubbish Management Site ; dave haywood ; chek news ; cbc ; Brian and Gerry Harrison ; ben stuart prov min community dev

Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2011 8:10 AM

Subject: To Mary Marcotte - Chair and the CVRD Agricultrual Advisory Commission Members and Alternates - please pass to members whose emails i don't have - thank you.

Subject: Cowichan Region Area Agricultural Plan>Action Steps", (Cowichan Valley Citizen, Fri. July 22, 2001)

Dear Sirs:

Could you please provide clarification on:

Goal 2 - states: 'to create a local government policy framework that supports agriculture'. Please explain how a garbage transfer facility, on ALR land that has been farmed for the past 120 years, supports agriculture? In your explanation, please include details on the advantages of bringing garbage-bearing residential and commercial traffic past the 43 farm/homes on Cameron-Taggert, 14 on Shawnigan Lake/Mill Bay Road, 45 on Shawnigan Lake Road, 64 on Cobble Hill Road, 17 on Lover's Lane - all potential farm-gate businesses - demonstrates government support for agriculture in Areas A, B and C.

Goal 6 states: ' to preserve the character and environment of the community'. Please help us understand how a loud, smelly, commercial garbage facility will preserve the character and environment of our rural community. How will it enhance/encourage farm-gate businesses? How will commercial garbage trucks, widened roads, increased traffic and continuous, seven-days-a-week banging and clanging improve the character of our farming community? How will it 'improve and extend the access to market for local foods' (Goal 5); or 'improve the viability and profitability in the local agriculture industry'? (Goal 3) Ask the farm/ winery tour companies if passing by a garbage station will enhance the ambiance of the tour?

I, and the other 1,440 people who signed the petition against the proposed site would appreciate a written response from each one of you, since none of us can understand how the proposed site furthers ANY of your .publicly stated goals - all of which I think are worthy and admirable. If it is easier for you, I will arrange to distribute your response to the 1,439 other people. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

K. Chong along Cameron Taggert Road

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AAC Subcommittee Report Goal 1: To create a strong communication network between agriculture and the community

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Financial Implications	is Staff time to coordinate					-								Ctoff time to coordinate	-										s to None	<u>0</u>		this Staff time					
Recommendation	AAC to inform CVRD Board of this		acuvity												AAC to Inform CVKU Board of UIS	activity									AAC inform the CVRD Board as to	the status of these action literus				acuvity			
Eallow I In		I he action Items riave guite	through the process of	prioritization. Presentations yet to	be done to: Farmers Institutes:	CAS, Cobble Hill, North Cedar	Womens Institutes: Shawnigan	Lake, Cobble Hill, Somonos	Cowichan Green Community	Providence Farm	Vancouver Island Dairymen	Vancouver Island Egg Producers	Vancouver Island Produce	Horse Community	This goal has two parts. The first	part is meeting with local	agriculture organizations. This	action has been dealt with in Goal	1(a) #1. The second part is to	identify issues that need to be	dealt with on an island wide basis.	The Provincial Government has	developed the Vancouver Island	Agricultural Outlook and EDC will obtain a copy for review.	The Duncan Farmers Market is	doing this				doing this. Kathy will follow up and	report back to the group.		
	Action Item	1(a) #1: Each agricultural	organization to adopt agricultural	plan. This includes prioritizing the	issues, setting goals, timelines	and assigning responsibility within	the organization and/or in	cooperation with other	stakeholders.	This will include presentations to	stakeholder groups to see where	we can partner, identify	duplication and inform them on the	AAC's activities	1(a) #2: Hold a joint strategic	planning session with local	agricultural organizations. This	session will help identify and	address issues that are relevant to	the region and overlap between	organizations. It could also identify	issues to be dealt with on an	island wide basis.		1(c) #2 and 5(b) #2:: Explore	options to encourage, promote	and develop a year round Farmers	Market	1(c) #4: Support the BC	Agriculture in the Classroom	Foundation. Ask for their	materials, conduct farm tours and	gain an increased presence in the

AAC Sub-Committee Report Goal 2: To create a local government policy framework that supports and welcomes increased agricultural production, encourages land improvements and helps provide access to resources

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Action Item 2(b) #1: Ensure that OCP's and zoning bylaws are consistent with the goals of agriculture. Reworded from: Review and harmonize zoning bylaws to ensure that wording and permitted /conditional uses, related to agriculture, are consistent between Electoral Areas and municipalities.		Request that the AAC recommend to the CVRD Board that when OCP's come up for review that they are referred to the AAC for review.	None
2(b) #3. Clearly describe permitted uses in each of the agricultural zones within the zoning bylaws and develop a handbook or webpage describing "what to expect when living in farm areas". This could provide information about "normal farm practices". New landowners would be advised of what to expect from the farm next door.	<ul> <li>#1: Educate real estate</li> <li>community on the need to convey to clients wishing to purchase land adjacent to agriculture land the potential impacts associated with being a neighbor of farms.</li> <li>#2: Request that planning and being good neighbors.</li> <li>#3: Request that when land being good neighbors.</li> <li>#4: Request including farmers instrument registered on title to placed on the title to subdivided placet neighboring farmers.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>#1: Recommend that the AAC recommend to the CVRD Board funds to develop a brochure or handbook that can be used to mitigate land use conflicts between residents and farmers.</li> <li>#2: Recommend that the AAC recommend to the CVRD Board that a covenant is placed on subdivided land that is adjacent to agriculture land.</li> <li>#3: Recommend that the AAC recommend to the CVRD Board that a covenant is placed on subdivided land that is adjacent to agriculture land.</li> <li>#3: Recommend that the AAC recommend to the CVRD Board that when OCP's come up for review, that a Farmland Protection DPA is added</li> </ul>	\$1,500.00 to develop handbook and staff time

AAC Sub-Committee Report Goal 3: To improve capacity and profitability in the local agricultural industry

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Financial Implications	To develop the program and associated marketing materials, the financial implications for 2012 is anticipated to be \$2000.00 plus staff time.	Staff time to assist and develop program	Staff time to assist in coordination	None		
Recommendation	Recommend that the AAC submit a report to the CVRD Board informing them of this program.	That the AAC recommend to the CVRD Board that they explore the current 5% parkland acquisition requirement for new developments to include an option for agricultural land acquisition. The land could then be used to lease to new farmers.	That the AAC provide an update to the CVRD Board on this activity	Encourage the implementation of the Ministry of Agriculture's Agriculture Plan.		
Follow Up	Development of the Cowichan Farm Links program. This program will develop a registry of farmers who want to lease land. The program will also develop a list of potential farmers who are interested in leasing land to farm. The program will match available land with emerging farmers and assist the parties with developing	The need for affordable agriculture land options for new farmers is well documented in the CVRD Area Agriculture Plan. Local governments can play a lead role in the development of lease options as a method to get new farmers into farming. This initiative would demonstrate to the agriculture community the commitment by the CVRD to further agriculture in our region	Economic Development Cowichan is Economic Development Cowichan is taking a lead role on organizing the Islands Agriculture Show that will take place February 3-5, 2012 at the Cowichan Exhibition Grounds. EDC obtained partial funding from the Investment Agriculture Foundation.	Place on the agenda of AVICC to discuss how the recommendation could go forward- Mary Marcotte will place on the agenda for the next AVICC meeting	Request to the Ministry of Agricutture to develop agricutture advisory services in the form of mentorship programs and peer to peer networking programs This is supported by the BC Agricutture Plan Each region could identify lead agency to administer program that would: o Identify local farmers who have knowledge to share	<ul> <li>Identify new farmers who require that knowledge</li> <li>Present opportunities to network and share information</li> <li>Facilitate knowledge transfer from Ministry staff who are preparing to retire</li> </ul>
Action Item	3(a) #2: Develop and maintain a land for lease registry and sample lease agreements to assist new/young farmers.	3(a) #2: Develop and maintain a land for lease registry and sample lease agreements to assist new/young farmers. Create a local government land bank that can be used to lease to new/young farmers	3(c) #1: Organize, or partner in the organization of, a Vancouver island Agricultural Show which provides a venue for a major trade show, promotion of island products and short courses/mini-workshops	3(c) #2: Change "Lobby the provincial government to reinstate extension services" to "Encourage the provincial government to develop agriculture	advisory services."	

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Financial Implications	That the AAC recommend to In addition to staff time to the CVRD Board of Directors that funds be allocated to conduct an Agricultural Land Use Inventory.
Recommendation	That the AAC recommend to the CVRD Board of Directors that funds be allocated to conduct an Agricultural Land Use Inventory.
Follow Up	Working with the Cowichan Watershed Board and other water purveyors, look for solutions to water access, storage and availability. In order to do this, the group would like to see an agricultural land use inventory completed that will provide the information necessary to understand who needs the water, where and when.
Action Item	4(b) #1: Hold a workshop that deals with water, irrigation design and water use efficiency The Cowichan Watershed Board hosted a workshop on June 23, 2011 which was supported by the AAC. A further action is to encourage additional workshops on water management and Kathy will contact Rodger Hunter to see if there is another workshop coming up. We can promote at the upcoming events in August

AAC Sub-Committee Report Goal 4: To improve water management for agricultural purposes AAC Subcommittee Report Goal 5: To improve and extend the access to market for local foods

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AAC Sub-Committee Report Goal 6: To preserve the character and environment of the community

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Financial Implications Staff resources		The cost to develop and print a brochure is estimated at \$1500.00 plus staff time
Recommendation	Recommend that the AAC submit a report to the CVRD Board informing them of this action.	Recommend that the AAC submit a report to the CVRD Board informing them of this initiative.
Follow Up	Wayne Haddow will contact David Tattam who is the region's Environmental Farm Planner. David will be invited to be a part of the AAC booth at the upcoming Cobble Hill Fall Fair, CAS Harvest Festival and the Islands Agriculture Show. David will be asked if he can provide brochures and other informational materials.	Develop a pamphlet (brochure) that contains quick facts on the value and contribution of agriculture. Engage the local 4H Club to provide input into the brochure.
Action Item	6(a) #1: Discuss and encourage Environmental Farm Plans (EFP's) at the Farmers Institute meetings and at strategic planning sessions	6(a) #3: Recognize and improve awareness in the community of the contribution to land stewardship and the environment made by landowners.