

Municipal Development Plan



Town of
Thorsby



Part Nine: Environment

The protection and management of environmental resources is important to quality of life. The biophysical characteristics and environmental significance of lands shall be considered in land use decisions.

In accordance with all provincial legislation the conservation of environmentally significant areas should be encouraged, including unique vegetation, riparian areas, topography, fish habitat and wildlife habitat. The presence of significant archaeological and historical sites should be considered in the Municipality's land use planning decisions.

“We have a creek that runs through and a great trail system.”

Resident Quote

Section 18: Goals

- 18.1 To protect and preserve, whenever possible, existing natural areas.
- 18.2 To ensure that development does not unduly impact the natural environment.
- 18.3 To ensure that the natural environment does not jeopardize the health, safety, and quality of life of the residents of the Town.

Section 19: Policies

- 19.1 The Town supports the use of the Public Service District within the Land Use Bylaw. This district serves in-part to protect environmentally sensitive and significant areas in their natural state, more or less. Development may be limited to such things as public trails, public signs, public parking facilities, and any development necessary to ensure public safety.
- 19.2 The Town may require an environmental assessment/audit to be carried out on a site that is the subject of a development proposal.
- 19.3 The Town will work with developers to ensure that developments do not have a significant negative environmental impact on the Town.
- 19.4 The Town will not permit development in areas prone to flooding. Developments in areas prone to flooding require a flood hazard study prior to being considered for development. The Flood hazard study shall be prepared at the Developer's cost.
- 19.5 The Town will utilize environmental reserve and environmental conservation easements as mechanisms to protect environmentally significant areas.