

# Realizing the Value of Natural Assets to Strengthen Community Climate Resilience

## What to Consider When Valuing and Protecting Your Natural Assets

**Natural Assets** play numerous roles in our communities and they are becoming even more important as we seek to adapt to climate change. Conservation organizations can be excellent partners for municipalities seeking to better manage their natural assets but you need to understand their interests in working with you. This session examines the five key things (*right*) that they look for in **effectively conserved areas** and how those values may translate into and be supported by your municipal authorities and tools.

We often say that our bigger towns have “more capacity” when it’s really better to think in terms of the **tools** a community **of any size** has at their disposal and what capacity they unlock. For instance, just over half of our towns have Municipal Land Use Plans and Development Regulations but **every town** is supposed to have an Asset Management Plan completed or in the works now. And there are others. Where does your town sit on our **capacity scale** (*verso*)?



## Two Key Partners in Conservation and What They Do

**NCC** – [The Nature Conservancy of Canada](#) is the country’s unifying force for nature. NCC seeks solutions to the twin crises of rapid biodiversity loss and climate change through large-scale, permanent land conservation. As a trusted partner, NCC works with people, communities, businesses, and government to protect and care for our country’s most important natural areas. Since 1962, NCC has brought people together to conserve and restore more than 15 million hectares. In the Atlantic Provinces, NCC has protected 55,610 hectares.

**SAM** – [The Stewardship Association of Municipalities](#) is an incorporated non-profit environmental organization composed of a network of municipalities who have formally committed to the practice of environmental stewardship in Newfoundland and Labrador. The organization helps to secure, enhance, and restore important wildlife habitat (wetlands, uplands, coastal areas, & species at risk habitat) within municipal planning boundaries. As a network of communities who practice environmental stewardship across Newfoundland and Labrador, SAM contributes to maintaining and enhancing biodiversity in the province.

## Resources

**Nature is Infrastructure:  
How to include Natural Assets in  
Asset Management Plans**



...plus all the other great materials from the **Natural Assets Initiative**



← Scan me to visit SAM’s listing of conservation-oriented funding

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**Community Climate  
Change Adaptation  
& Mitigation**

**30% by 2030**

**Natural Asset Management**

*Conservation Area Status  
(eligible)*

**Development Control  
Authority**

*(Municipal Plan &  
Development Regulations  
under URPA)*

*(Regional) Water Operator*

**Asset Management Plan**

*(AMP)*

**Maintenance Assurance  
Manual**

*(MAM)*

**Permit to Operate**

*(Water and/or  
wastewater systems)*

**Climate Hazards & Risks  
Assessment**

*(MNL's Climate Resilience  
primer and links here)*

**Community Capacity**

**OECMs**

**Stewardship Agreement**

*(SAM)*

*Watershed Conservation  
Body*

*Watershed Management  
SOPs*

**Protected Public  
Water Supply Area**

*(PPWSA)*

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**Delisted areas**

*Conservation Area Status  
(ineligible)*

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