

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Environmental Trust Fund

2022-23 ANNUAL PLAN



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Accountability for delivering the objectives outlined in this plan lies with the Chair of the ETF Advisory Board: The 2022-2023 Environmental Trust Fund (ETF) Annual Plan outlines the mandate and priorities and performance measures, as established by the ETF Advisory Board.

Mandate

As established under the *Environmental Trust Fund Act*, the assets of the Environmental Trust Fund shall be used to

- a. pay for the costs incurred to
 - i. provide for environmental protection,
 - ii. provide for environmental restoration,
 - iii. promote sustainable development of natural resources,
 - iv. conserve natural resources within the Province,
 - v. educate on matters relating to environmental issues and the sustainable development of natural resources, and
 - vi. maintain and enhance the visual environment; and
- b. reimburse any department, corporation or agency of the Government of the Province that makes an advance so as to provide financing for any of the costs incurred for any of the purposes set out in paragraph (a).

Priority Areas

The priority areas established by the ETF Advisory Board, in combination with the enabling legislation, provides the strategic direction necessary to deliver the program effectively. The 2022-2023 Priority areas are:

Protecting our Environment

Conservation/protection/research activities related to our natural resources including: water, air, coastlines and wetlands. Projects aimed at identifying and conserving and/or improving ecosystem biodiversity.

Increasing Environmental Awareness

Environmental education/awareness initiatives. Partnerships that are provincial in scope, or programs that may be applied provincially, are encouraged. Educational projects/components could be delivered, for example, through schools, youth-based organizations, community groups, etc.

Managing our Waste

Innovative waste reduction/management activities that support environmental stewardship, glass and other recycling programs, projects discouraging illegal dumping and community clean-up initiatives.

Addressing Climate Change

Assessment and promotion of new technologies or initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through projects such as community-based transportation, carbon offset opportunities and renewable energy. Initiatives in response to climate change in relation to risks and vulnerabilities, impacts and adaptation, and trends and observations.

Building Sustainable Communities

Projects and initiatives that support community resiliency and sustainability by advancing innovative land use approaches and climate change adaptation efforts to strengthening communities and regions.

Outcomes and Measures

ETF PRIORITY AREA MEASURE	PRIORITY AREA MEASURE DESCRIPTION	PRIORITY AREA MEASURE FORMULA
Protecting our Environment	Water quality improvements.	Number of management actions completed
	Riparian zone restoration activities.	Square metres
	Communications and awareness.	A) Number of events/initiatives B) Number of people reached by each event/initiative
	Studies focusing on protecting our environment.	Number of ETF-funded research projects
Increasing Environmental Awareness	Environmental education/ awareness initiatives.	A) Number of participants
		B) Type of activity
		C) Activity duration (number of hours)
Managing Our Waste	Waste diverted from landfills as a result of the ETF-funded project.	Tonnes of waste diverted by ETF-funded projects
Addressing Climate Change	Greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction plans.	Total number of communities with a (GHG) reduction plan
	Education/awareness initiatives.	A) Number of participants
		B) Type of activity
	C) Activity duration (number of hours)	
Building Sustainable Communities	Climate change adaptation plan.	Total number of communities with an adaptation plan

Measure results can be found in the annual Impact Report found online at **GNB.CA**.