

## **EALT Invites New Advisors and Volunteers**

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The Edmonton and Area Land Trust is dedicated to preserving, in perpetuity, natural areas and working landscapes throughout the Edmonton region. We fill a gap in regional conservation, while taking a strongly collaborative approach with groups working in conservation.

EALT invites members of the public and interested experts to consider joining its Board of Directors, or its Advisory Group. The following would fit well:

- Any public interested in the EALT conservation mandate
- Those with experience in rural areas (e.g., farmer, woodlot owner, or similar rural landownership)
- Those with strong interests in natural areas conservation, and with good community connections
- Those with specialist skills (e.g. marketing, real estate, industry, appraisal, education, fundraising, accounting, law, writing, websites, or other applicable expertise)

Pam Wight, Executive Director of EALT, says “not only are we interested in a range of experts, we want to reach and work with all kinds of communities – youth, cultural, and many other special interests”. She points out that EALT’s work in conserving natural areas can provide a range of benefits: environmental, economic, cultural and aesthetic, and urban quality of life, and that volunteers of all types can contribute to these benefits.

EALT’s vision is: an Edmonton Region where natural area systems are valued, preserved for future generations and play a key role in the social, economic and environmental life of the residents of the area. EALT does this by: land acquisition (donation or purchase), conservation agreements, and educational outreach.

Any specialists, students or members of the public with interest in land conservation or being part of EALT’s Board, Advisory Group, or volunteers can contact the Executive Director to express their interest (pamwight at ealt.ca).