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Edmonton and Area Land Trust

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Vision

The Edmonton & Area Land Trust has as its vision 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

Mission

The Edmonton and Area Land Trust will be recognized as a not-for-profit leader in the selection, securement and stewardship of natural area systems, appropriate natural interconnections and cultural heritage landscapes in the Edmonton area primarily for the use, enjoyment or benefit of its present and future citizens.

Leading Local Conservation - Message from our Chair

As the board chair of the Edmonton and Area Land Trust I am grateful to be working with a group of dedicated and respected board members, who share an interest in protecting natural environments for future generations. I am pleased that so many people are willing to act as advisors to assist our board in areas of their expertise. I am especially pleased to be working with our Executive Director, Pam Wight, whose passion for the land trust is encouraging for everyone.

The past year, 2009, has been busy and productive for The Edmonton and Area Land Trust. Just two years after incorporation and receiving charitable status we have been approached by many land owners who wanted us to evaluate properties for possible donation or conservation easements. Land owners approach the land trust knowing that all site visits and evaluations are held in confidence until any land deals are finalized. We have developed an Advisory Committee of 25 people who are from multiple disciplines and have offered their assistance to the land trust for various projects or committees that are required by the board. Our board held a retreat in the summer of 2009 and we revised and completed many policies for the land trust which were approved at the AGM. The number of people on the board increased by one and the board decided we would need to hire a part-time project coordinator which we did in December.

Our Executive Director has been active in the development of outreach materials including developing a website in 2008. All of this is thanks to a grant we received from the Alberta Real Estate Foundation. The Edmonton and Area Land Trust has become known in the community, as inquiries about land and website hits have increased. The Executive director has also given presentations to a variety of groups and participated in many workshops. The EALT received a grant in conjunction with the City of Edmonton and a developer, United Big Lake Ltd., on an interpretative brochure regarding constructed bioswales for water retention, as well as the design of interpretive signs. This grant was a Community Partnership Funding Program Grant from the City of Edmonton leading up to the 'International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives' International Congress that was held in Edmonton in June of 2009. The EALT also presented at the Pechu Kuchu during the conference with an audience of about 600 people.

During this past year, thanks to an anonymous donation the land trust jointly acquired a piece of property with the Nature Conservancy of Canada near Hasting Lake. The Hicks property will have joint title and both EALT and the NCC will be working on the management strategies. At the same time we became a partner in the Golden Ranches. We have also been working on site evaluations of other properties and are working with Larix Communities Inc. and the City to develop a Conservation Easement at Larch Sanctuary, within the City limits. Each ecologically significant property requires site assessment, land appraisal, and a final management plan in order to qualify as an eco-gift and receive charitable status.

We began the first year of our fundraising endeavours and have also applied for a number of grants and a casino to enable us to carry on our work. In this annual report you will see a chart that includes all the activities that the land trust has been involved in from its inception to the end of 2009. Next year we will update the chart to keep people apprised of our ongoing activities.

As chair of the board I want to thank all board members for their valued contributions and all donors, members and advisors for their continued support. This support is what will make the Edmonton and Area Land Trust become an important part of the Edmonton community.



Marg Reine
Chair of the Edmonton and Area Land Trust

About the Edmonton and Area Land Trust

Who We Are

The Edmonton and Area Land Trust (EALT) is a non-profit charitable organisation that works on natural areas conservation in the Edmonton region, to ensure the ecological goods and services of natural and countryside landscapes are maintained, to benefit regional residents today and in the future.

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

EALT was formed by a collaboration of very varied and far-sighted organisations, all of whom saw the need for local and regional efforts in conservation. The founding partners of EALT are:

- City of Edmonton
- Edmonton Community Foundation
- Edmonton Nature Club
- Urban Development Institute – Greater Edmonton Chapter
- Legacy Lands Conservation Society
- Land Stewardship Centre of Canada

Protecting our Heritage - Why our Work is Important?

It is the many natural, cultural and countryside landscapes that make our region unique and special.

Healthy natural systems perform vital ecological functions and services to our communities. EALT is committed to protecting our water, air, land and wildlife, as well as the scenic beauty of our area. But the case for nature conservation is more than simply environmental, recreational or aesthetic, it is increasingly economic. Research has shown that it is often more cost-effective to conserve our existing natural systems, than to attempt to rebuild them.

The Edmonton and Area Land Trust works with people and organisations to maintain the special places and unique character of our region.

What EALT Does

EALT Goals

To achieve our mission, EALT has established a number of goals, developed through extensive public discussions to guide its operations. They are to:

- conserve, protect and restore natural areas of ecological significance in Edmonton and the surrounding area, including water resources, cultural heritage landscapes, natural corridors and appropriate natural interconnections by acquiring or otherwise securing land (including conservation easement agreements) or by funding the acquisition or securement of land (including conservation easement agreements)
- receive and maintain a fund or funds and apply those funds to secure and manage land and support the educational outreach and operations of the land trust
- advance environmentally sound stewardship among landowners in the Edmonton area and increase their understanding of the ecological value of natural area systems conservation and stewardship pertaining to the area by, among other things, offering seminars, courses, conferences, meetings and programs in connection with land conservation and stewardship
- increase the public's understanding of natural areas conservation in the Edmonton region through communication activities and selected outreach and education programs
- encourage, conduct and fund research as required for understanding the conservation and stewardship of natural area systems and to support land conservation or securement decisions within the greater Edmonton area and disseminate the results of such research to interested parties.

How we Operate to Meet Our Goals

As a not-for-profit Land Trust, EALT accepts donations of property and/or funds, purchases land, and holds conservation easements that help landowners establish a legacy of permanent conservation of areas of ecological significance.

We do this by:

- acquiring land through purchase
- accepting land through donation (or part purchase/part gift – “split-receipting)
- accepting conservation easements (legal notations to protect lands forever)
- accepting donations of money, life estates, bequests, and other forms of planned giving
- accepting “trade lands” that may be sold to raise funds for conservation purposes
- partnerships
- education and stewardship awareness
- developing a strong public image to gain community support and attract assistance from businesses, foundations and government agencies
- seeking community support as volunteers for board members and stewards, as well as funds and land donations
- Building public support, awareness, and fundraising.

EALT works in partnership with governments and other non-profit organizations to achieve our goals, as well as many other types of partners.

EALT Milestones

<u>Key Events</u>	<u>Year</u>
City of Edmonton agreed to be a founding partner in the land trust	June, 2006
First Business Plan developed by Alan Bolstad	Oct, 2006
EALT formed, Memorandum of Agreement for members	Nov, 2006
Certificate of Incorporation Registered Part 9 company	Mar, 2007
Directors work book developed	April, 2007
COE decision to endow \$2.5 million to EALT, held by the Edmonton Community Foundation	Nov, 2007
Executive Director hired	Mar, 2008
Joined ALTA, CLTA	Ap, Aug, 2008
Terms for the members of the Board set at AGM	Aug, 2008
Received Registered Charitable status and number	Aug, 2008
Resolution to adopt Imagine Canada's Ethical Fundraising and Financial Accountability Code	Aug, 2008
Received status from Environment Canada as a Qualified Agency to received ecological gifts	Sep, 2008
Land Trust Policies	
Adopted Board Roles and Responsibilities Terms of Reference	Dec, 2008
Land Securement Policy	Jul, 2009
Board Member Agreement	Jul, 2009
Financial Segregation of Duty-Donation Policy	Jul,2009
Responsibilities of Board of Directors	Jul, 2009
Development of a Site-screening team	Jul, 2009
Public Member Policy	Jul,2009
Terms of Reference for EALT Advisors	Sep,2009
Terms of Reference Ad Hoc Working committees	Sep, 2009
Insurance for D&O liability	Oct, 2009
Third party liability for ownership of lands Hicks Property	Oct, 2009

Board of Directors

Board of Directors, 2009

Marg Reine, Chair of the Board
Science educator

Martin Garber-Conrad, Treasurer
Chief Executive Officer
Edmonton Community Foundation

Paul Roberts, Secretary
Senior Wealth Advisor & Portfolio Manager
ScotiaMcLeod - Scotia Private Client Group

Grant Pearsell, Director
City of Edmonton
Office of Natural Areas

Glen Thoman, Director
Project Manager
Al-Terra Engineering

Brian Ilnicki, Director
Executive Director
Land Stewardship Centre of Canada

Brenda Wispinski, Director
Executive Director
The Beaver Hills Initiative

Cindy Chiasson, Director
Executive Director
Environmental Law Centre

We give thanks to the Board of Directors who were active in 2008, the year EALT became operational. The Board consisted of appointees of the founding member organizations. These Directors were:

Ross Wein, Chair, Legacy Lands Conservation Society

Margaret Reine, Secretary, Edmonton Nature Club

Martin Garber-Conrad, Treasurer, Edmonton Community Foundation

Grant Pearsell, City of Edmonton

Glen Thoman, Urban Development Institute – Greater Edmonton Chapter

Ernie Ewaschuk, Land Stewardship Centre of Canada

We are delighted that our retiring directors are committed to EALT and have agreed to support us in the position of advisors.

Thank you all for your contributions!

EALT Activities and Accomplishments

Our Conservation Priorities

EALT accepts donations of property and/or funds, purchases land, and holds conservation easements that help landowners establish a legacy of permanent conservation of areas of ecological significance. We have developed a *Land Securement Strategy*, which identifies our regional conservation priorities. These are properties that include:

- Large, natural shorelines (lakes, rivers)
- Prairie remnants
- Unique topographical features
- Major corridors or linkages
- Large woodlands
- Important cultural sites
- Areas within or adjacent to natural core and linkage areas

However, we are also interested in select farmland and unfragmented forest. In addition, we consider smaller natural areas. As well as forming stepping stones between larger sites, we are aware that "these islands of nature are most important for the young who live in surrounding or adjacent neighbourhoods" (Richard Louv).

Lands Securement

Despite being in operation for a relatively short time, EALT has contributed to the securement of two properties. As a consequence of an Eco-gift donor approaching us in 2008, we partnered with the Nature Conservancy of Canada, to effect eco-gift donations. Through this donor, the Hicks Property and part of the Golden Ranches have been secured.

The Hicks Property

EALT takes a partnership approach to its activities. We are partners with the NCC in acquiring the 149 acre Hicks Property, in the Cooking Lake Moraine, a high priority area. The property lies near Hastings Lake and the Ministik Lake Bird Sanctuary, both of which are designated as Provincial Environmentally Significant Areas. Elk Island National Park and the Cooking Lake – Blackfoot Recreation Area are north of the Property. Although the property is zoned agricultural, it consists of rolling and hummocky terrain with Aspen forests, shrubland and numerous wetlands with no agricultural development. The topography supports a high diversity of vegetation, waterfowl, mammals and birds. Important wildlife include Mule Deer, Moose, Elk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Widgeon, Lesser Scaup, and Common Goldeneye. The area remains extensively forested, and is a critical source of surface and ground water.

There are a range of surrounding pressures: residential development, recreational development, the clearing of native parkland for agriculture, unsustainable grazing management, oil and gas drilling, off highway vehicles, and invasive species. Through the ownership of this land, positive stewardship actions will assist in countering these threats.

This property will assist in creating conservation linkages of protected areas in the Cooking Lake Moraine, which is particularly important due to the development pressures in the region, and the increasing risk of fragmentation of this ecosystem. Some of the conservation values which occur on this property are: Dry Mixedwood Boreal Forest; Prairie Pothole Wetlands; and Ecological Linkages.

The Golden Ranches

EALT is one of the partners assisting in securing the Golden Ranches, which is the largest working ranch (1,509 ac) for sale in the entire region. It represents important conservation lands and forms a conservation corridor within the Cooking Lake Moraine, at the junction of North and South Cooking Lake. It has 8 kms of shoreline, supporting various waterfowl including ducks, geese, and swans, shorebirds and songbirds. There are moose, white-tailed and mule deer, coyotes, falcons, ospreys, and other wildlife. Besides the shorelands, the ranch has open pastures and mature forestlands.

The move to purchase the ranch was initiated through a consortium of partners. EALT joins other land trusts (AFGA, ACA, NCC, DUC) Strathcona County and the Beaver Hills Initiative, which together form the Golden Partnership. Already, two of the 12 legal parcels have been acquired. The ranch owners want to see the ranch remain intact and conserved, and have agreed to hold the lands while the partners strive to find funds to purchase all the parcels.

The Cooking Lake Moraine is a high priority conservation area, and within the North American Waterfowl Management Plan program area. The Ranch is a key piece to form a link between Elk Island National Park, Blackfoot Grazing Reserve, and the Ministik Lake Game Bird Sanctuary. All partners are keen to see the development of such a conservation corridor, and invite industry, corporations, and the public to assist in this effort.

Larch Sanctuary

EALT has been actively working in collaboration with the City of Edmonton and Larix Communities to develop a Conservation Easement (CE) on the lands known as Larch Sanctuary within City boundaries. This is an important natural area adjacent to a creek, and with an ox-box. The CE is not yet in place, but all parties are confident that there will be a positive outcome for conservation on this property.

Memorandum with City of Edmonton

The City of Edmonton and EALT share a number of conservation goals. With this in mind, we have been in ongoing discussions and communications about how to further mutual objectives. Thus we have begun work on a Memorandum of Understanding to work together to jointly achieve goals related to natural areas securement and protection.

Education, Communications and Outreach

Development of an Advisory Committee

The work of our conservancy is very broad, requiring a range of skills, e.g., legal, accounting, appraisal, biology, marketing, fundraising, etc. The Board approached a number of experts in the region, who agreed to act as Advisors. We welcome Advisors from many sectors – education, government, First Nations, agriculture, communications, landscape architecture, forestry, ecology and other specialties.

Presentations

EALT has made a number of presentations to many types of groups in the region. These include: governments; developers; land trusts; ENGOS; professional bodies; and local community and interest groups.

Connections with Culture

The Edmonton and Area Land Trust has begun a new initiative, connecting different communities of interest. We recognise that although people may have a particular passion, most people likely have more than one interest. Thus we wanted to connect the Cultural community and the Conservation community.

We are doing this first via a **Virtual Art Gallery**. EALT already has a website photo gallery. The idea is that an Art Gallery be developed using the works of regional artists interested in conservation, with all subjects being regional – Boreal or Parkland scenes. Since the inception of this Culture-Conservation Connection, we have already had works submitted by 10 artists, and expect submissions from additional artists who have agreed to provide their works for this project.

Social Media

EALT is aware that different groups use varied media for their information and updates. We have been investigating the mutual dialogue and communications possible via social media, thus EALT now has a Facebook page.

Newsletter

We developed a template for newsletters, called Conservation Connections. This year we produced our first Newsletter in December. It is available upon request, and will be available on our website.

Awards

EALT's founding member organisations and directors have achieved recognition in various fields. Among a number of distinctions we are proud to report:

- The **City of Edmonton** was recognized at the Copenhagen Climate Change Summit with a *Climate Leadership in Canada* award for its success in developing effective environmental programs
- The **Land Stewardship Centre of Canada** received the Wildlife Habitat Canada's *Countryside Canada Award* at the Strengthening Stewardship Conference held in Calgary
- Chair **Marg Reine** received a *Citation Award for Community Service* related to environmental protection and education, from the City of Edmonton at their annual Salute to Excellence
- Director **Ernie Ewaschuk** received a *Countryside Canada Award* for his long time dedication to promoting land stewardship in Alberta and across Canada.

Fundraising and Development

Since we are a new organization, our challenge has been to get the word out in the region that we exist, what we do, why it is important, and how citizens and businesses and other organizations can contribute or collaborate. This year, the board began a fundraising campaign, which focused on letting key organizations and members know about us, and how they could help. We applied for casino funds.

We also began the process of researching grants and foundations which support stewardship and environmental activities, and putting together grant applications. One grant which enabled EALT to work on an environmental interpretation project came from the *Community Partnership Funding Program* of the City of Edmonton. We collaborated with developer United Big Lake Ltd., on an interpretative brochure in the Trumpeter neighbourhood near Big Lake, and the design of interpretive signs.

We invite all those who feel our work is important, to contact us about how they might contribute to conservation.

Thank you to our Donors

Every charity relies on donors. We could not exist without your generous contributions.

Very many thanks to one and all!

Partners and Volunteers

Over the long term, EALT intends to be a positive, proactive organization seeking opportunities and solutions for natural area conservation in partnership with all levels of and with many other individuals and organisations to realise our goals. By strengthening existing partnerships and creating cooperative ventures, EALT is able to share resources, expertise, and capacity with like minded organisations for mutual benefit. We achieve our conservation objectives by working in a collaborative, businesslike manner. We work with many partners, all levels of government, other agencies, businesses, community groups and individuals to ensure the broadest support for our activities. We are here for the long term. When we take properties under our care, we intend that it is in perpetuity.

Thank you to our Partners in Conservation

Our work is always collaborative. Our achievements are shared with many individuals and organizations that care about conservation as much as we do.

Golden Ranch Conservation Partners

Alberta Fish and Game Association
Nature Conservancy of Canada
Alberta Conservation Association
Ducks Unlimited Canada
Strathcona County
The Beaverhills Initiative

Foundations

Alberta Real Estate Foundation

Business

Segue Systems – Xerox Canada
Symetrix Designs

Government

City of Edmonton
Strathcona County
Parkland County

Thank you to our Volunteers

In addition to those mentioned specifically in this report, we have many more to thank. Integral to effective development and success of EALT is the involvement of volunteers. They are the lifeblood of EALT. Volunteers are integrated into all aspects of our operations, from our Board of Directors to our Advisors, supporters, site assessors, writers, planners, website managers, and others.

We want to provide the means for our supporters to be able to participate directly in the success of *their* organization. We work to match our volunteers' needs and interests to the work they do – to make sure that they can get the greatest satisfaction from their contribution. Many thanks to each and every one of our talented and enthusiastic volunteers. Without you, we couldn't get the job done!

EALT Financial Highlights

**Edmonton and Area Land Trust
Income Statement
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008**

REVENUE

Unrestricted Revenue

Donations	2,715
Grants - City of Edmonton	<u>275,000</u>
Total Unrestricted Revenue	<u>277,715</u>

Restricted Revenue

Alberta Real Estate Foundation Grant	10,000
Amortization of deferred revenue	<u>350</u>
Total Restricted Revenue	<u>10,350</u>

TOTAL REVENUE 288,065

EXPENSE

General & Administrative Expenses

Salaries	84,944
General & Administrative	<u>45,927</u>
Total General & Admin. Expenses	<u>130,870</u>

TOTAL EXPENSE 130,870

NET INCOME 157,195

**Edmonton and Area Land Trust
Balance Sheet
As at December 31, 2008**

ASSET	
Current Assets	171,277
Capital Assets	<u>11,457</u>
TOTAL ASSET	<u><u>182,735</u></u>
LIABILITY	
Current Liabilities	<u>25,540</u>
TOTAL LIABILITY	<u>25,540</u>
EQUITY	
Current Earnings	<u>157,195</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>157,195</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u><u>182,735</u></u>

The Edmonton and Area Land Trust was audited for the year 2008. The financial statements are excerpted from the audited statements, and exclude the audit report and notes. A complete copy of the auditors report is available on request.

APPENDIX: Edmonton and Area Land Trust Programs

Date	Program Recipients	What program entailed	Presenter	No people (all public)	Where Program delivered	Benefit to the public
July 07	AB Real Estate Foundation	Presentation about land trusts and their value in the community	Dagny Alston/Martin Garber Conrad	8	Alberta Real Estate Board office	They were providing funds to develop marketing material and a website to inform the public about The Edmonton and Area Land Trust
March 2008	Professor Emeritus University of Alberta	Presentation about land trusts and their value in the community	Martin Garber-Conrad, Treasurer & ED of ECF	20	Faculty Club University of Alberta	Informed about what land trusts are and what they do how they can participate
Mar 27-28 08	Alberta Land Trust Alliance Conference attendees	Presentation about setting up an urban land trust & mutual benefits	ED	83	Edmonton Royal Inn Nisku	Informed about what land trusts are and how the Edmonton process went
Ap 29 08	COE Council	Public acknowledgement of City contribution and benefits of land trust	EALT Board & ED	7 council + staff	City Hall	Knowledge of EALT and it is a benefit to the municipality
Jul 9 08	City of Edmonton Council	Public acknowledgement of City contribution and benefits of land trust	ED	Council + unknown public	COE Council Chambers	Knowledge of EALT and it is a benefit to the municipality
Oct 7 08	Appraisal Institute of Canada, AB Chapter	Presentation & discussion about appraisal opportunities for land trusts and their value	ED	40	Cedar Park Inn	Increased appraisers' understanding about land trust appraisals and the benefits of participating in the process. Now can inform clients of land protection possibilities published article in their newsletter
Nov 20 08	Urban Development Institute members	Presentation & discussion about conservation through land trusts & role of developers	ED)	~125	Royal Glenora	Informed institute about land trusts & current EALT partnerships w developers, & other ways of involvement. They now understand land protection possibilities and where they fit in. Presentation published on UDI website

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Jan 5-09	COE Natural Areas Advisory Committee	Presentation on roles of EALT & City, & discussion	ED)	10 public members & COE staff	Century Place	Public representatives to City better understand how City can work w EALT to provide natural capital benefits to citizens
2009	Parties who had inquired. The particulars are confidential	Discussion of CE's Ecogifting Property planning The particulars are confidential	ED	3-7 depending on the site	8-12 Property site visits or discussions with land owners	Possible acquisition of NA for future public use or donation of lands or CE from the property owners. This will lead to area where the public can visit and volunteer as land stewards.
Mar 11-13 09	Alberta Land Trust Alliance conf attendees	Presentation ~ Urban Land Trusts	ED	82	Royal Nisku Inn	Discussed successes & challenges so participants could see how to work w EALT and how partnershiping is a good strategy
Ap 6 09	Natural Areas Policy Implementation Committee (NAPIC)	Presenting the EALT Land securement Strategy & hearing from City managers	ED & Board of Directors	14	City of Edmonton	Discussed with City senior management what EALT is doing to assist mutual collaboration to secure Natural Areas for public use.
Ap 28 09	Public TV viewers in AB & beyond	Participation in 20m moderated discussion Urban Sprawl for Alberta Primetime	ED + Scott Mackie, COE plnr, & Byron Miller, UofCalgary	Thousands if not more	CTV Edmonton studios	Discussed urban sprawl, traditional approaches, associated problems, solutions from elsewhere, and their application in Alberta increase education on the topic & awareness of EALT
May 4 09	Minerva Institute attendees	Presentation, questions and discussion for 2 hours	ED	~ 15 seniors	Grant McEwan College	Discussed issues related to sprawl & how land trusts are a tool for solutions for many
Jn 2 09	Workshop attendees – planners, developers, municipal reps, public	Presenting the Green Communities Guide compiled by the Land Stewardship Centre of Alberta	Ernie Ewaschuk, Director, Chris Nicholas, developer & others	40	Chancery Hall	Land Trusts were featured as a tool in the Guide, & EALT was profiled by both speakers, enabling planners, developers, consultants & municipal reps to incorporate relevant green tools into future activities
Jn 5-12 09	Labatts employees, Edmonton	Displays related to EALT, our activities, partnerships, benefits to conservation & public	ED Marg Reine, Director	All Labatts employees	Labatts cafeteria throughout Earth Week	Discussed, answered questions & informed employees about how EALT can help solve issues in Edmonton & Area, & increased their understanding & awareness

Date	Program Recipients	What program entailed	Presenter	No people (all public)	Where Program delivered	Benefit to the public
June 10 09	Young Environmental Professionals	Presentation regarding regional issues, what land trusts are, how they can help	ED	10	Remedy Café	Informed a young audience about the value of protecting Natural areas and some volunteered for the Land Trust engaging the community
June 16/09	Pecha Kucha Night, ICLEI Congress attendees, design community, general public, Next Gen Committee	Pecha Kucha Night via PPT discussion about the land trust and designing and planning for sustainability	ED	>600	Shaw Conference Centre	Informed conference participants and Next Generation Committee about the EALT, its purpose, & how it can be a tool in solutions to unsustainable development practices
June 16/09	ICLEI Congress attendees and other project participants	Presentation to the ICLEI Congress on a joint project with a United Communities at Big Lake	ED	30	City Hall	Talk about the land trust and its partnerships for Natural Areas sustainability, transmitting understanding & awareness
June 12-19 09	City of Edmonton councillors, staff, ICLEI Congress attendees, youth & general public	Set up a large display booth at City Hall, to explain the functions of EALT & its contribution to sustainability	ED	Many hundreds	City Hall foyer for a week	Awareness of EALT & understanding its activities, role in problem solving, partnership approach, and their ability to contribute via volunteering & in many different ways
June 18/09	COE Master Naturalists program	Presentation on EALT, it's role, benefits, & volunteer opportunities	ED	30	Grant McEwan College	The volunteers understood how they can help EALT which benefits the community, & signed up to do so
Jul 9-12	National Stewardship and Conservation Conference	Presentation and poster board display & explanation about EALT	ED	hundreds	University of Calgary	Presented at a session about Land trust partnerships, & had ongoing display about how EALT works for sustainability & land stewardship
Sept 09	Canadian Federation of University Women Edmonton	Talk to the group about the land trust and update its activities	Marg Reine	10	St Paul's Church	Outreach to people about the value of a land trust. People interested in visiting areas may volunteer
Sept 22/09	COE Transportation & Public Works Committee	Presented on EALT, land securement, activities & future strategies, Q&A	ED	Council & Public attendees	City Hall	Further information available upon request
Nov 12/09	Capital Region Board	Presented on EALT, & municipal benefits of conserving natural areas	ED	Mayors & Public attendees	Chateau Louis	Information on range of economic benefits of conservation, and EALT's willingness to work w. CRB, & further info upon request