



# Resilient Rurals Model

Partnering for  
Regional Resilience

# Resilient Rurals

**Resilient Rurals began as a partnership between the towns of Bruderheim, Lamont and Gibbons for regional climate change adaptation and resilience project in Alberta's Industrial Heartland. It is a new approach—created by small communities, for small communities.**



# Social Media Toolkits

## Summer Hazards Kit

Download file set 

Ten posts to share throughout the summer and as events occur.

Topics: Heatwave Safety, Wildfires, Air Quality, Preparing for Risks



## Community Wellness and Resilience


Download file set 

Seven posts to share with your community to describe what resilience is, how it's built, and the impacts of climate change on mental health.

Topics: Mental Health, Ecological Grief, Climate Resilience, Community Vulnerability



## Winter Hazards Kit

Download file set 

Five posts to share throughout the winter months and as events occur.

Topics: Understanding Alerts, Winterizing your Home and Vehicle, Medical Emergencies



## Climate Change in the Prairies

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Six educational posts outlining the impacts of climate change for Alberta and Canada's prairies.

Topics: Extreme Weather Events, Slow-Onset Climate Impacts, Biodiversity Impacts, Prairie Climate Trends by Season, Air Quality Impacts, Insurance





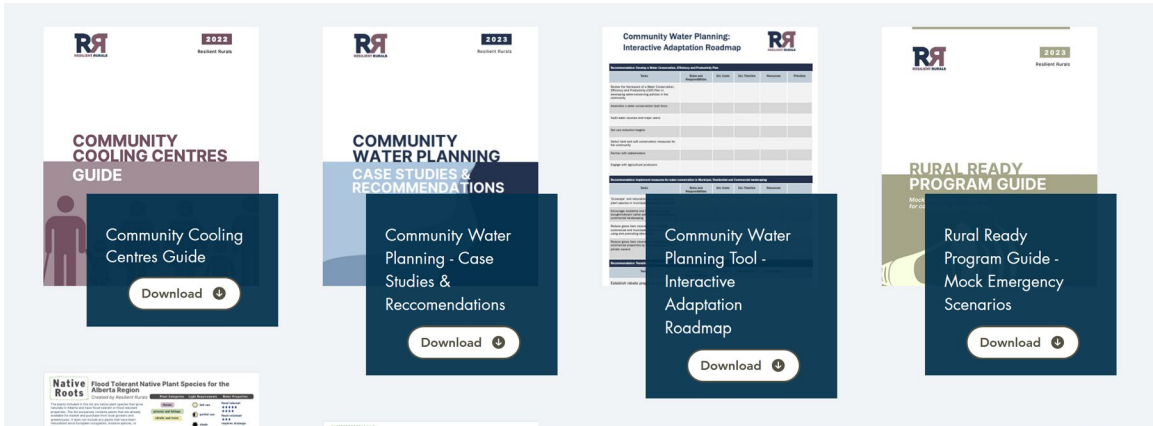
# Information Library

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## Adaptation & Resilience Planning Guides

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# Resource Hub

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## ResilientRurals. com

*A one-stop-shop  
for community  
members and resilience  
leaders*



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## RURAL ASSIST PROGRAM

*For Vulnerable Community Populations*



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## COMMUNITY COOLING CENTRES GUIDE



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## COMMUNITY WATER PLANNING GUIDE

*Municipal Action for  
Drought Resilience*



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## RURAL READY PROGRAM GUIDE

*Mock emergency scenarios  
for community preparedness*



 Resilient Rurals Food Sovereignty... 

**CULTIVATING**  
**FOOD SOVEREIGNTY**  
Climate change... 



Friday, December 8, 2023


**FEATURING**

**Marsha Shack**  
Young Agrarians

**Rene Michalak**  
Common Ground Garden Project

 Resilient Rurals Food Sovereignty... 

**CULTIVATING**  
**FOOD SOVEREIGNTY**  
Climate change... 



Thursday, December 14, 2023


**FEATURING**

**Tim Carson, CEO**  
Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies

 Resilient Rurals Food Sovereignty... 

**CULTIVATING**  
**FOOD SOVEREIGNTY**  
Climate change... 



Friday, January 19, 2024


**FEATURING**

**Jacob Beaton**  
Tea Creek

 Resilient Rurals Food Sovereignty... 

**CULTIVATING**  
**FOOD SOVEREIGNTY**  
Climate change... 



Tuesday, January 23, 2024


**FEATURING**

**Michelle Brass and Emily Eaton**  
Treaty Land Sharing Network





## Cultivating Food Sovereignty Training Modules

These modules are designed to educate and inform individuals about the importance of food sovereignty and how to cultivate sovereignty in one's own food system. By watching the following modules, you'll learn about the principles of food sovereignty, the benefits of local food systems, and how to advocate for food resilience in your community. Join us in creating a more sustainable and equitable food system for all.

## Certificate of Completion

Complete the Pre- and Post-evaluations to earn a Certificate of Completion!



Self-paced



Certificate of Completion



2 hours

[Get started](#)

## Defining Food Sovereignty

This module will define food sovereignty, clarify the difference between food sovereignty and food security, and explore how food sovereignty can help target food insecurity while building a more resilient food system.

[Read More](#)

# Growing Concerns

- Water supply
- Food security and sovereignty
- Rising costs for insurance and infrastructure repairs / renewals
- Population loss to urban centres, reducing tax base
- Rising need to partner Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities without clear steps to do so



# Rural Perspectives

- Urban centers are often considered first when it comes to funding and available resources for climate adaptation, and there is little consideration for small and rural communities
- There is a lack of support from higher levels of government to address the unique needs of small and rural communities
- There is a lack of relevant resources, knowledge, and skills within smaller municipalities' administrative teams, and financial constraints do not allow for the hiring of consultants

A stylized, monochromatic illustration of a rural landscape. In the center, there is a large barn with a smaller structure attached to its side. Several tall, slender trees are scattered around the buildings. The foreground is filled with curved, parallel lines representing plowed fields or furrows in the soil. The entire scene is rendered in a light, dusty rose color against a darker, muted purple background.

# The Resilient Rurals Model

# Purpose and Benefits of the Model

A unique **model and toolkit** will guide small, rural, and Indigenous communities in establishing diverse **regional partnerships** to address growing concerns impacting their resilience.

Partnerships may include **municipalities, Indigenous communities, non-profit organizations, education and research institutions, businesses, chambers of commerce, etc.**

\* This model will be the first of its kind in Canada.



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Regional partnerships can enable:

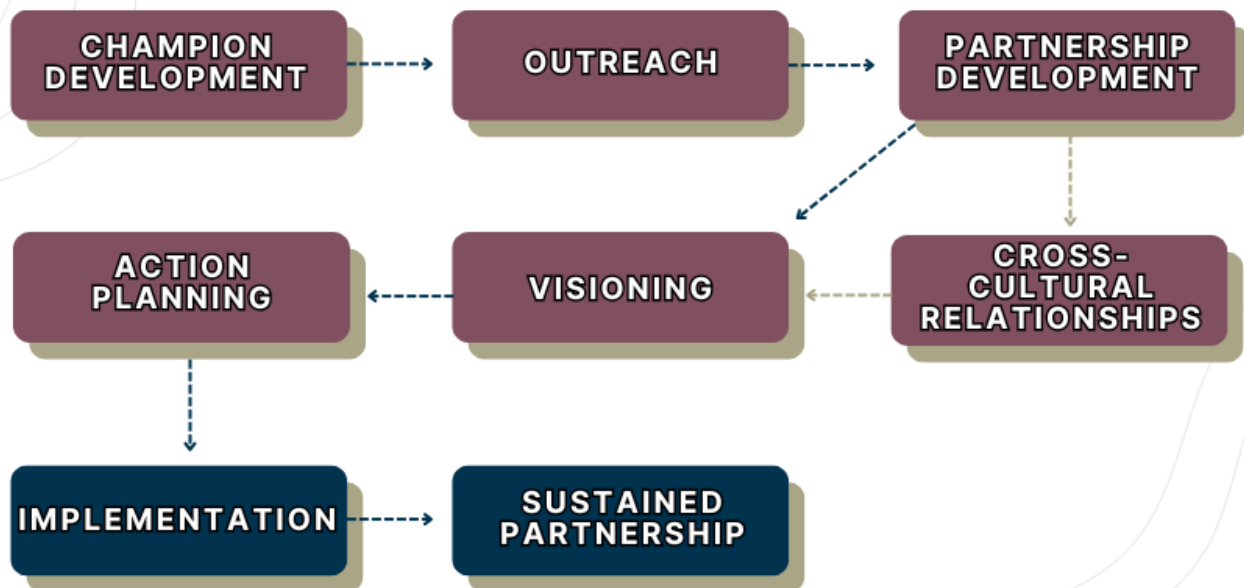
- **Knowledge and resource sharing**
- **Capacity building**
- **Improved access to information and funding**
- **Policy and advocacy support**
- **Risk reduction through mutual supports**
- **Community engagement and social cohesion**
- **Collective advocacy**

# Model Development - Input

- Resilient Rural's partnership's experience
- Dedicated Indigenous advisor
- Small and rural communities across the Prairie Provinces
- Subject matter experts

# RESILIENT RURALS MODEL

## REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK





# RESILIENT RURALS MODEL

## PARTNERSHIP FOCUS STREAMS

**STREAM 1:**  
SHARED  
CAPACITY  
BUILDING AND  
TRAINING

**STREAM 2:**  
REGIONAL-  
BASED  
PROCUREMENT

**STREAM 3:**  
DATA SHARING  
AND  
COLLABORATION

**STREAM 4:**  
INTEGRATED  
PLANNING AND  
POLICY  
DEVELOPMENT

**STREAM 5:**  
VULNERABLE  
POPULATION  
ASSESSMENTS  
AND SUPPORTS

**STREAM 6:**  
REGIONAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
RESILIENCE AND  
RISK REDUCTION

**STREAM 7:**  
REGIONAL  
WATER  
RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT

**STREAM 8:**  
REGIONAL  
ADVOCACY

**STREAM 9:**  
JOINT ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECTS



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# RESILIENT RURALS MODEL WORKBOOK

*Partnering for  
Regional Resilience*

## About this Workbook

This workbook is designed to accompany the *Resilient Rurals Model*, with tools and resource to guide you through the partnership process:

- **PHASE 1 - Champion Development**
  - **TOOL A:** Articulating Your Vision
- **PHASE 2 - Outreach**
  - **TOOL B:** Understanding regional risks
  - **TOOL C:** Identifying potential partners
  - **TOOL D:** Contributor map template
  - **TOOL E:** Crafting an outreach narrative
  - **TOOL F:** Outreach email template
- **PHASE 3 - Partnership Development**
  - **TOOL G:** Regional resilience presentation
  - **TOOL H:** Sample agenda template
  - **TOOL I:** Letter of commitment template
  - **TOOL J:** Terms of Reference template
- **PHASE 4 - Cross Cultural Relationships**
  - **TOOL K:** Preparation checklist
- **PHASE 5 - Visioning**
  - **TOOL L:** *What Resilience Looks Like to Us* presentation template
  - **TOOL M:** Visioning exercise agenda
  - **TOOL N:** Workshop summary template
- **PHASE 6 - Action Planning**
  - **TOOL O:** Prioritization matrix
  - **TOOL P:** Action plan template
  - **TOOL Q:** Talent database template
- **PHASE 7 - Implementation**
  - **TOOL R:** Working group guidance
- **PHASE 8 - Sustained Partnership**
  - **TOOL S:** Sustaining partnership checklist

# Two Pathways for Support

1

Tools and templates that any community can use on their own to start their resilience-building process.

2

Facilitated workshops and consultant services to guide communities through the process.



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