



Association of Manitoba Community Pastures Delivering 2022 Rangeland Projects throughout Manitoba

Conservation Trust Awards AMCP with a \$400,000 Grant for Grazing Management Improvements

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Thanks to a third consecutive year of major grant funding from the Manitoba Conservation Trust, the Association of Manitoba Community Pastures (AMCP) will deliver the “Land Stewardship through Grazing Management Improvements” project at eleven Community Pastures in 2022.

“Coming out of the 2021 drought, the Manitoba Community Pastures need to prepare for future dry conditions and I’m pleased that the Conservation Trust shares our objectives, to make sustainable environmental investments and, while doing so, support livestock producers,” said AMCP President, Greg Genik. “Well-managed rangelands deliver numerous environmental benefits including reliable forage supplies and watering as well as important wildlife habitat and healthy soils,” he continued.

This year’s project work focusses on implementing range management stewardship initiatives that promote the drought resiliency of the Community Pastures - Manitoba’s largest rangelands. New cross fencing, brush management controls, water improvements, cattle crossings and erosion controls improve the health and quality of grasslands and forests, helping the Pastures to better withstand, and recover from, drought conditions.

Since 2020, the Conservation Trust has supported AMCP with major grants to deliver investments in the Interlake, Parkland and Southwest regions of Manitoba. This year AMCP is expanding project work to the Libau, McCreary, Pansy and Turtle Mountain Community Pastures while making continued investments at the Bield, Ellice-Archie, Ethelbert, Langford, Lenswood, Narcisse and Wallace Community Pastures. Combined these Pastures exceed 210,000 acres with grazing services provided for over 14,000 adult head of livestock from 235 local producers. Match funding for the Trust project is in place from the provincial and federal governments, private sector support and AMCP.

Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation (MHHC) is pleased to partner with AMCP to support nature-based approaches to climate change. The Conservation and GROW Trusts are Manitoba Climate and Green Plan Initiatives, administered by MHHC. Trust funds provide new opportunities to improve wildlife, water, and soil conservation across the province and connect people to nature.

The Association of Manitoba Community Pastures is a non-profit, producer-led organization committed to supporting the livestock industry through sustainable range stewardship. AMCP Community Pastures provide grazing services annually for over 40,000 head of livestock from approximately 350 livestock producers. The Pastures are all over Manitoba: Alonsa, Bield, Birch River, Cote-San Clara, Ellice-Archie, Ethelbert, Gardenton, Langford, Lenswood, Libau, McCreary, Mulvihill, Narcisse, Pansy, Spy Hill-Ellice, Sylvan Dale, Turtle Mountain and Wallace.