



Engage the public in reviewing and updating the *Lands Protection Act* so it best reflects the needs of our province presently and into the future

The Department of Agriculture and Land has initiated the Land Matters project to review Prince Edward Island’s land-related policy and legislation (including both the *Lands Protection Act* and *Planning Act*) and propose changes where necessary to reflect present-day and future priorities. This process is guided by inclusive and purposeful public engagement exercises and a strong foundation of evidence.

Approach

The Department of Agriculture and Land launched the Land Matters Project. This project is utilizing existing knowledge and input from Islanders and will move through purposeful engagement exercises to arrive at actionable and evidence-informed policy, legislative, and regulatory changes.

Government Commitments

Mandate Letter Ensure that progress is measurable and transparent | Safeguard our precious land resources for all Islanders | Engage the public in reviewing and updating the *Lands Protection Act* so it best reflects the needs of our province presently and into the future

Speech from the Throne Ensure the spirit and intent of the *Lands Protection Act* is upheld

Land Matters Project – At a Glance

Invitations to participate in the Land Matters survey were sent to: 720 individuals and organizations¹

Survey Responses (as of November 25, 2020): 302 responses

Land Matters website views: 7,252 (from July 8 to November 25, 2020)

Demographic profile of survey respondents:

- Approximately 98% of respondents live in PEI full-time, year round;
- Approximately 90% of respondents own land in PEI;

- Approximately 32% of respondents indicated that they are moderately or very familiar with the *Lands Protection Act*;
- Approximately 17% of survey respondents indicated that they are moderately or very familiar with the *Planning Act*; and
- Approximately 80% of survey respondents believe that there are issues with land policy/legislation.

¹Invitation recipients were encouraged to share the survey link with their networks.

OUTPUTS

COMPLETE

Land Matters project website launched to communicate the project's purpose and plan.

Increased human resource capacity to support the Land Matters project.

Public engagement online survey to collect the thoughts, perspectives, and beliefs of respondents with respect to land use and land ownership policy.

Established an Advisory Committee to provide a community-based forum for presentations from stakeholder groups

ONGOING

What We've Heard Report is being developed to present what the PEI Department of Agriculture and Land has heard so far during the Land Matters project public engagement.

Land Policy Map to identify the range of programs, services and departments that are involved in land policy development or implementation within government.

Performance and Evaluation | Multiple Lines of Evidence

Performance will be monitored to ensure that progress is measurable, transparent, and informed by the best available evidence. Information and evidence that is analyzed to monitor performance includes:

No. of invitations to participate in the Land Matters survey | No. of Land Matters survey responses | No. of Land Matters website views | Demographic profile of survey respondents | No. recommendations developed (by type) | No. of legislative and policy changes

