

**Land & Watershed Planning
Policies/Commitments v.2**

Analysis/Audit from Manitoba Wildlands Speeches Chart

Manitoba Government 1999 – 2009 inclusive

Manitoba Wildlands

November 2009



1999

Quote	Nature of Statement	Speech/Source /Date	Analysis
N/A		Throne Speech November 25, 1999	

2000

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A second priority is the health of our boreal forests.	Policy Statement	Throne Speech – December 5, 2000	
The first ecosystem-based planning process has already been initiated for the spectacular Canadian Shield Forest area that lies to the east of Lake Winnipeg. This process will bring together First Nations communities and other local stakeholders. The plan that is developed for the east side will serve as a model for Manitoba’s extensive forest region.	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech – December 5, 2000	

2001

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Your Government is beginning the second phase of a sustainable planning process for the east	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech – November 13, 2001	

side that will include a new engineering study for a road to the community of Bloodvein, the designation of protected areas and economic development opportunities for local communities.			
[Water Strategy includes:] Increased support for drainage projects and watershed planning throughout rural Manitoba;	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech – November 13, 2001	

2002

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your Government is committed to providing more clarity in land use planning, both for local communities and investors	General Commitment	Throne Speech November 27, 2002	
The East Side Wide Area Planning process is demonstrating a community-based approach to land-use decision making	Declaration	Throne Speech November 27, 2002	
On the recommendation of stakeholders, the Province will establish a new cross-departmental Forestry Unit and will advance provincial land-use designations based on improved resource mapping.	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech November 27, 2002	
The Province's approach to sustainable development gives special attention to community economic needs and opportunities...The 2002 Manitoba Budget provides \$400,000 for a new initiative in this regard...Another example is the ongoing development planning exercise for communities in the region east of	Specific Commitment	2002 Budget paper – The Economy – Appendix 2	

Lake Winnipeg.			
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2003

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We are continuing with the broad-based community planning process for the east side of Lake Winnipeg with the goal for improving transportation, and creating increased economic opportunity in a manner that is sustainable and fits with community goals and values.	Specific Commitment	2003 Budget Speech Environmental Stewardship	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing the community planning process for the east side of Lake Winnipeg 	Specific Commitment	Press Release – April 22, 2003 'Budget 2003 At a Glance'	

2004

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Water management zones are now being mapped, incorporating information on ground and surface water sensitivity. These green zone maps will be combined with long-term development plans formulated at the community level through a public process. Together they will form the bases for a new approach to land use decisions, one that enhances the role of scientific information and local decision-making.	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech November 22, 2004	
We have introduced The Water Protection Act, to facilitate more effective measures to protect water sources and aquatic ecosystems, provide a framework for integrated planning on a watershed basis,	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech April 19, 2004 – Conservation and Water Stewardship	

and enable the establishment of the Manitoba Water Council and Water Stewardship Fund.			
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2005

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Budget 2005 will also invest more in Conservation Districts and watershed planning.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech 'Water Protection, Natural Areas and Climate Change'	

2006

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Our government launched the East Side Planning Process, which has given rise to an inclusive process for engaging First Nations on an ongoing basis in building for their future. Today's budget increases resources for the Wabanong Nakaygum Okimawin land planning process	General Commitment	Budget Speech – Natural Areas and Environmental Stewardship	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New support will be provided to...First Nations land planning and sustainable resource management projects on the east side of Lake Winnipeg 	Specific Commitment	Budget 2006 In Brief – Water and Environmental Protection	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing resources for Wabanong Nakaygum Okimawin to support community planning along the east side of Lake Winnipeg 	Specific Commitment	Press Release – March 6, 2006 'Budget 2006 At A Glance'	

2007

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Our government has made an important commitment to ensure that First Nations on the east side of Lake Winnipeg have a greater role in deciding how resources are used in this unique region.	General Commitment	Budget Speech - Protecting our Environment	
*Advance sustainable land use planning and the development of new east side resource management boards	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - Protecting our Environment	
*Promote unique attractions through a new community-driven tourism development initiative	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - Protecting our Environment	
*Enhanced watershed planning and programming	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - Water Protection	

2008

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A new Wetlands Protection and Restoration Initiative will be launched, including plans to restore our major marshes in Manitoba, the Delta Marsh and the Netley-Libau Marsh, and new incentives for land owners to restore or develop prairie wetlands	Past Commitment	Speech from the Throne November 20, 2008	

2009

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Record investments have been made in flood-proofing efforts around the province, with more than \$850 million spent since 1999.	Past Action	Budget Speech March 25, 2009	

<p>The Red River Floodway Expansion Project has substantially increased flood protection for the residents of the City of Winnipeg, East St. Paul and West St. Paul, and the project is on schedule to deliver 1-in-700 year flood protection in 2009</p>	<p>Past Action/Policy Statement</p>	<p>Budget Speech March 25, 2009</p>	
<p>Investing in the growth and development of conservation districts to deliver more effective land and water management;</p>	<p>Policy Statement</p>	<p>Budget Speech March 25, 2009</p>	
<p>The new Duff Roblin Park Reserve in St. Norbert is part of our commitment to support recreational and economic opportunities along an expanded floodway</p>	<p>General Commitment</p>	<p>Budget Speech March 25, 2009</p>	
<p>An annual operating grant to conservation districts enables leveraging of expertise and funding and provides for a local perspective and responsibility, while maximizing the positive effects of an efficient and effective maintenance and upgrade plan.</p>	<p>Specific Commitment</p>	<p>Budget Paper F: Improved Infrastructure and Fiscally Sound Economic Stimulus</p>	
<p>Of the over \$5 million in annual grants to conservation districts, approximately \$1 million is allocated to maintenance of provincial waterway infrastructure.</p>	<p>Specific Commitment</p>	<p>Budget Paper F: Improved Infrastructure and Fiscally Sound Economic Stimulus</p>	