

# ALUS IN ONTARIO



**THE ALUS TEAM, REPRESENTING EIGHT COMMUNITIES IN ONTARIO FROM CORNWALL IN THE EAST, TO WINDSOR AND TOBERMORY IN THE WEST.**

ALUS Canada, A Weston Family Initiative, is a groundbreaking national environmental program helping farmers and ranchers sustain agriculture, wildlife and natural spaces for all Canadians, one acre at a time.

Founded in Manitoba in 2006, the ALUS program came to Ontario in 2007. This first community, ALUS Norfolk, is the longest continually running ALUS program in Canada, and there now eight ALUS communities in Ontario, from Cornwall in the east, to Windsor and Tobermory in the west.

By 2019, nearly 400 Ontario farmers have chosen to become ALUS participants, with more joining every year.

They have already transformed more than 3,100 acres of marginal land into wetlands, grasslands and woodlands—these ALUS projects produce cleaner air, cleaner water, more biodiversity and other ecosystem services that directly benefit rural communities across the province.

Each acre enrolled in ALUS adds to Ontario's stock of natural capital and delivers a full suite of environmental outcomes that benefit our environment and our people.

ALUS' environmental impact is growing quickly, and with widespread support, it will continue to grow.

Because in Ontario, and all across this nation, ALUS farmers and ranchers are part of the solution for improving the environment for Canadians.



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**FARMERS AND RANCHERS HAVE ALREADY TRANSFORMED MORE THAN 3,100 ACRES OF MARGINAL LAND INTO WETLANDS, GRASSLANDS AND WOODLANDS THROUGH ALUS.**

## RETURN ON INVESTMENT

- **Community Support:** 8 Ontario communities are now running the ALUS program (as of Dec 31, 2018)
- **Participation:** 386 Ontario farmers and ranchers are now ALUS participants
- **Land Base:** 3,160 acres in Ontario are now enrolled in ALUS program

## BENEFITS OF ALUS IN ONTARIO

ALUS supports farmers, ranchers, communities and the environment. ALUS projects:

- Sequester carbon in the soil to produce cleaner air
- Reduce phosphorus to produce cleaner water in our lakes and rivers
- Increase wildlife habitat to produce more biodiversity in our communities

## COMMUNITIES LOVE ALUS

- ALUS Canada is proud to be a community-developed, farmer-delivered program.
- 8 Ontario communities are successfully running ALUS programs in partnership with ALUS Canada
- Each ALUS community is strong and unique, determining its own priorities while benefitting from a shared set of ALUS principles and a central support system.



# SPOTLIGHT ON ALUS IN ONTARIO

Founded in Manitoba in 2006, the ALUS program came to Ontario in 2007. The first community, ALUS Norfolk, is now the longest continually running ALUS program in Canada, and there are seven more ALUS communities in Ontario: ALUS Ontario East, ALUS Elgin, ALUS Grey-Bruce, ALUS Lambton, ALUS Peterborough, ALUS Middlesex and ALUS Chatham-Kent. Find out more about each ALUS community on [ALUS.ca](http://ALUS.ca).

## ALUS NORFOLK

EST. 2007  
PORT ROWAN

## ALUS ONTARIO EAST

EST. 2012  
CORNWALL

## ALUS ELGIN

EST. 2012 (AS ALUS BAYHAM)  
PARTNER: LONG POINT REGION  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
TILLSONBURG

## ALUS GREY-BRUCE

EST. 2012  
PARTNER: GREY AGRICULTURE SER-  
VICES CENTER  
MARKDALE

## ALUS LAMBTON

EST. 2015  
PARTNER: ONTARIO NATIVESCAPE  
(RURAL LAMBTON STEWARDSHIP  
NETWORK)  
WALLACEBURG

## ALUS PETERBOROUGH

EST. 2016  
PARTNER: ONTARIO FEDERATION OF  
ANGLERS AND HUNTERS  
PETERBOROUGH

## ALUS MIDDLESEX

EST. 2017  
THORNDALE

## ALUS CHATHAM-KENT

EST. 2018  
PARTNER: LOWER THAMES VALLEY  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
CHATHAM



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