

Heartland Update

AIH Land Trust Society and Property Purchase Program

Alberta's Industrial Heartland Land Trust Society, a non-profit organization comprised of and funded by local government and industry, facilitates, collaborates and assists residents living in Alberta's Industrial Heartland to voluntarily relocate outside of the Heartland.

The Land Trust Society implemented the Voluntary Residential Property Purchase Program (VRPP) – a unique and progressive approach to acquiring the properties of rural landowners in the Heartland. The VRPP provides an option for residents wishing to relocate by providing a fair market price for properties and assisting with legal, moving and other costs. The Land Trust Society has completed two voluntary purchase programs, helping numerous families relocate outside the Heartland.

The third round of residential property purchases was recently announced for the Heartland. The program is aimed at residents close to industrial development in three of the Heartland Association municipalities, those being Lamont County, Strathcona County and Sturgeon County - the other member being the City of Fort Saskatchewan.

A resident eligible for the VRPP program must:

1. Be a principle resident living in the Alberta's Industrial Heartland boundaries
2. Provide confirmation that you have attempted to sell your property
3. Not have already benefitted from VRPP

The deadline to submit an application is November 21. To see if you qualify for the program and for a copy of the application package, visit www.industrialheartland.com and click through "Community", or contact Pamela K. Bunnin – Program Manager, Alberta's Industrial Heartland Land Trust Society at 780.998.7453 or pamela@industrialheartland.com.

Next Month: Why is Lamont County a member of the AIHA?

(Due to the timely nature of the Land Trust Society article, this topic was pushed back to next month)

Heartland Update is a monthly feature, keeping area residents informed about Alberta's Industrial Heartland. Future articles will include discussions on the challenges, issues and opportunities in the region. For more information visit www.lamontcounty.ca and go to the Heartland Update section or the Heartland website at www.industrialheartland.com.