



# BIG LAKES COUNTY POLICY



<b>TITLE:</b> Soil Conservation Policy	
<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b> ASB Policy 17	
<b>LEGAL AUTHORITY:</b> Soil Conservation Act (R.S.A. 2000, Chapter S-15) and Soil Conservation Regulation (272/1998)	
<b>APPROVED BY COUNCIL:</b> Nov 27/19	
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> Nov 27/19	<b>REVISED DATE:</b>


## POLICY STATEMENT

Big Lakes County recognizes that soil erosion and quality deterioration is an agricultural concern for our municipality. Big Lakes County recognizes that promotion of soil conservation, erosion controls and improved management is in the best interests of a sustainable agricultural industry within municipal borders.

## POLICY

1. Inspection
  - a. The Agricultural Fieldman or designated officer shall attempt to conduct an inspection within 24 hours of receiving a complaint.
  - b. The Agricultural Fieldman or designated officer shall preform routine inspections throughout the municipality while fulfilling other related duties.
  
2. Prevention
  - a. The Agricultural Fieldman or designated officer shall encourage voluntary compliance with the requirements of the Soil Conservation Act, by promoting all municipal assistance programs applicable.
  - b. The Agricultural Fieldman or designate officer shall provide current information on soil best management practices and develop extension events and outreach materials in house or in conjunction with external organizations to promote soil best management practices to the public.
  
3. Control
 

All soil loss or deterioration observed during inspections of private or public lands shall, preferably through cooperation, be controlled by the Landholder and shall, as a last resort, be controlled through enforcement by issuing a notice and/or imposing penalties, as required by the Act, upon the landowner in the event that soil loss or deterioration of lands is unabated.

  
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Chief Administrative Officer

  
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Date of Final Signature