



What does the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan Accomplish?

BACKGROUND

The Nunavut Planning Commission (the Commission) has prepared a Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP). The DNLUP is a first generation land use plan and, as with all land use plans, it is a living document. Land use plans are improved and changed over time to ensure that the values and priorities of residents are current and to consider new information as it becomes available.

The purpose of the DNLUP is to guide and direct resource use and development in the territory, as required under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). The DNLUP will be amended and built upon over time as information becomes available.

The DNLUP contains Goals, Objectives and Policies for land use planning in Nunavut. Areas and issues that have been identified for their significance to each Goal are discussed and one of the following Land Use Designations or Recommendations is assigned:

- PSE Protecting and Sustaining the Environment
- ECP Encouraging Conservation Planning
- BHC Building Healthier Communities
- ESED Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development
- MU Mixed Use

Land Use Designations permit uses that are compatible with the identified value and may prohibit uses that are incompatible. Recommendations advise proponents and regulators of issues that should be considered during the review of project proposals.

The DNLUP contains the following Land Use Designations and Recommendations:

Protecting and Sustaining the Environment (PSE)

The intent of PSE Land Use Designations is to support environmental protection and management needs, including wildlife conservation, protection and management.

PSE Land Use Designations have been applied to:

- 27 key bird habitat sites
- 3 Atlantic Cod lakes

PSE Recommendations have been applied to:

- 37 key bird habitat sites
- 28 caribou calving grounds
- 3 caribou sea ice crossings
- Great Bear Lake watershed

Encouraging Conservation Planning (ECP)

The intent of ECP Land Use Designations is to support environmental protection and management needs, including wildlife conservation, protection and management.

ECP Land Use Designations have been applied to:

- 2 national parks awaiting full establishment
- 2 proposed national parks
- 1 proposed national marine conservation area
- Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary
- 8 migratory bird sanctuaries
- 5 national wildlife areas
- 11 national historic sites
- 3 territorial historic sites
- 1 Canadian heritage river watersheds

ECP Recommendations have been applied to:

- 2 Canadian heritage rivers

Building Healthier Communities (BHC)

The intent of BHC Land Use Designations is to support community needs and cultural priorities.

BHC Land Use Designations have been applied to:

- 1 potential road corridor
- 2 existing roads
- 2 unincorporated communities
- 3 potential hydroelectric sites
- 7 community drinking water supplies
- 127 Northern Contaminated Sites Program sites
- 28 former DEW Line sites
- 3 Canadian Forces stations
- 33 North Warning System sites

BHC Recommendations have been applied to:

- 1 area of community interest
- 24 areas of community land use;
- 26 community drinking water supplies;
- 25 municipal aerodromes

Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development (ESED)

The intent of ESED Land Use Designations is to support economic opportunities and needs.

ESED Land Use Designations have been applied to:

- 8 areas of mineral exploration and production
- 18 oil and gas Significant Discovery Licenses

ESED Recommendations have been applied to:

- 38 areas of abundance of commercially viable fish species

Mixed Use (MU)

The intent of the Mixed Use Land Use Designation is to support land use activity that takes into account factors such as economic opportunities, conservation initiatives and the social well being of the residents of the NSA.

An MU Land Use Designation has been applied to areas that are able to support a wide variety of land uses.

NEXT STEPS

The Commission will host workshops on the DNLUP in every Nunavut municipality, as well as with the Inuit of Nunavik and the Athabasca and Manitoba Denesuline. Additional workshops will be held with industry and government.

This process will take at least a year to complete and the Commission welcomes all feedback at any time.

Once these workshops are complete, all of the information collected during this time will be reviewed at a public hearing.

Following the public hearing, the DNLUP will be revised and submitted for approval.

Be Part of the Plan!

The Commission welcomes your feedback and ideas on any aspect of the Draft Plan and encourages you to contact us at www.nunavut.ca or **867-983-4625**.



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