



PROJECT TIMELINE

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PROJECT FUNDERS

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WORDS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RDI

Climate change is affecting all of rural Manitoba, and it can be challenging to know how to respond. A good place to start is by understanding what plans are already in place in communities. Eco-West is a leader in climate action planning, and RDI will work with them to do just that: identify what climate plans are in place for communities across Manitoba. This partnership and project is part of RDI's efforts to address the challenge of climate change and build knowledge in rural Manitoba.

- Dr. Wayne Kelly

New Project Announcement

Assessing Climate Resilience and Mitigation in Manitoba: Aligning Strategies with Sustainable Development Goals

MEET THE PROJECT PARTNERS

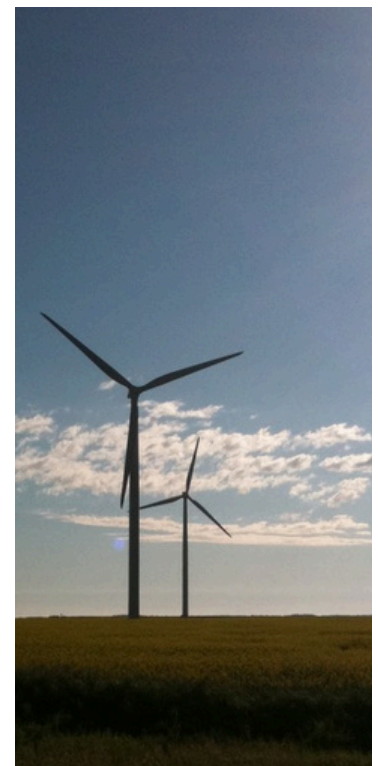
The Rural Development Institute (RDI) is a research centre at Brandon University that conducts community-based research projects, focusing on a variety of topics. This year, RDI is collaborating with Eco-West to explore the status of climate change resiliency and action plans. Eco-West is a national not-for-profit that supports municipalities on creating community initiatives based in economic and sustainable development.

THE PROJECT

This year, researcher Glenice Deterville will be coordinating a team of two 2024 Master of Arts in Rural Development Program - Oladele Olamide John and Adebowale Kazeem Yusuf - to assess the climate mitigation and adaptation/resiliency plans from multiple municipalities across Manitoba. These assessments will be used to identify any possible gaps in municipal climate action plans, and project collaborators will work to align assessed plans under the Mobilizing Municipalities. This will ensure municipalities are made aware of funding opportunities they may be eligible for and can support future developments.

OUTCOMES

As the implications of climate change intensify, local governments worldwide have recognized the need to develop and implement climate mitigation and resiliency plans. The data gathered through the assessments of the adaption and resiliency plans will be collected and categorized to determine the strengths and gaps in policy plans. By informing federal and provincial policy makers, it may be possible to influence the development of more tailored policy to Manitoba municipalities' unique needs. Place-based and rural-focused solutions are needed to support rural economic development and adaptation given the changing climate.



For more information on this project, and to access project updates, make sure to visit the [RDI Climate Change Initiative page](#).