

# Focus on sustainability: protecting Carstairs' environment

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*In part three of an ongoing series examining the Town of Carstairs' Municipal Sustainability Initiative, the Courier discusses environmental awareness in Carstairs with sustainability co-ordinator Jan Thompson.*

Being environmentally conscious isn't a difficult concept to undertake. It can be as simple as holding on to that empty cup until you come upon a trash can, or starting a newspaper pile in your garage as opposed to cramming everything into the garbage bin.

While we all have our own little ways of doing our part, sustainability co-ordinator Jan Thompson says it takes the ideas and co-operation of the whole town to ensure the town moves forward with a unified vision.

The final pillar of the town's upcoming Municipal Sustainability Initiative has the most relevance to what is a pervasive movement towards a healthier and more sustainable environment. Because of this, Thompson is expecting

been inundated with recycling and (to) be good to the earth... that's what we've grown to understand and get," say Thompson.

The environmental pillar is comprised of natural and built elements.

***"Environment is really easy for people to understand because we've all been inundated with recycling and (to) be good to the earth... that's what we've grown to understand and get"***

JAN THOMPSON  
*Sustainability  
Coordinator*



Natural elements include such features as vegetation, water bodies and

## How to get involved

-Visit the sustainability website at: [www.carstairsustainability.ca](http://www.carstairsustainability.ca)

-Attend the sustainability workshop tomorrow night

-Discuss your ideas with local community groups and committees

-Forward your questions, ideas or concerns to Jan at 403-337-3341

undertaken several projects either with environmental consciousness in mind, or for the sole purpose of encouraging the activity. Such projects include:

- Recycling services
- Garbage rollout bins
- Encouraging green building from developers
- Constructing the Memorial Park concession to conform to efficiency standards

-Town spring cleanup  
At the sustainability workshop, which is being hosted tomorrow night from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Legion, Thompson is hoping residents will share their ideas for how to make Carstairs a more environmentally friendly place to live.

"I think there are