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Our actions help to ensure a sustainable, healthy and prosperous future for our members, as well as for agriculture, the environment, the vitality of the rural regions and the protection of Quebec's agricultural heritage.



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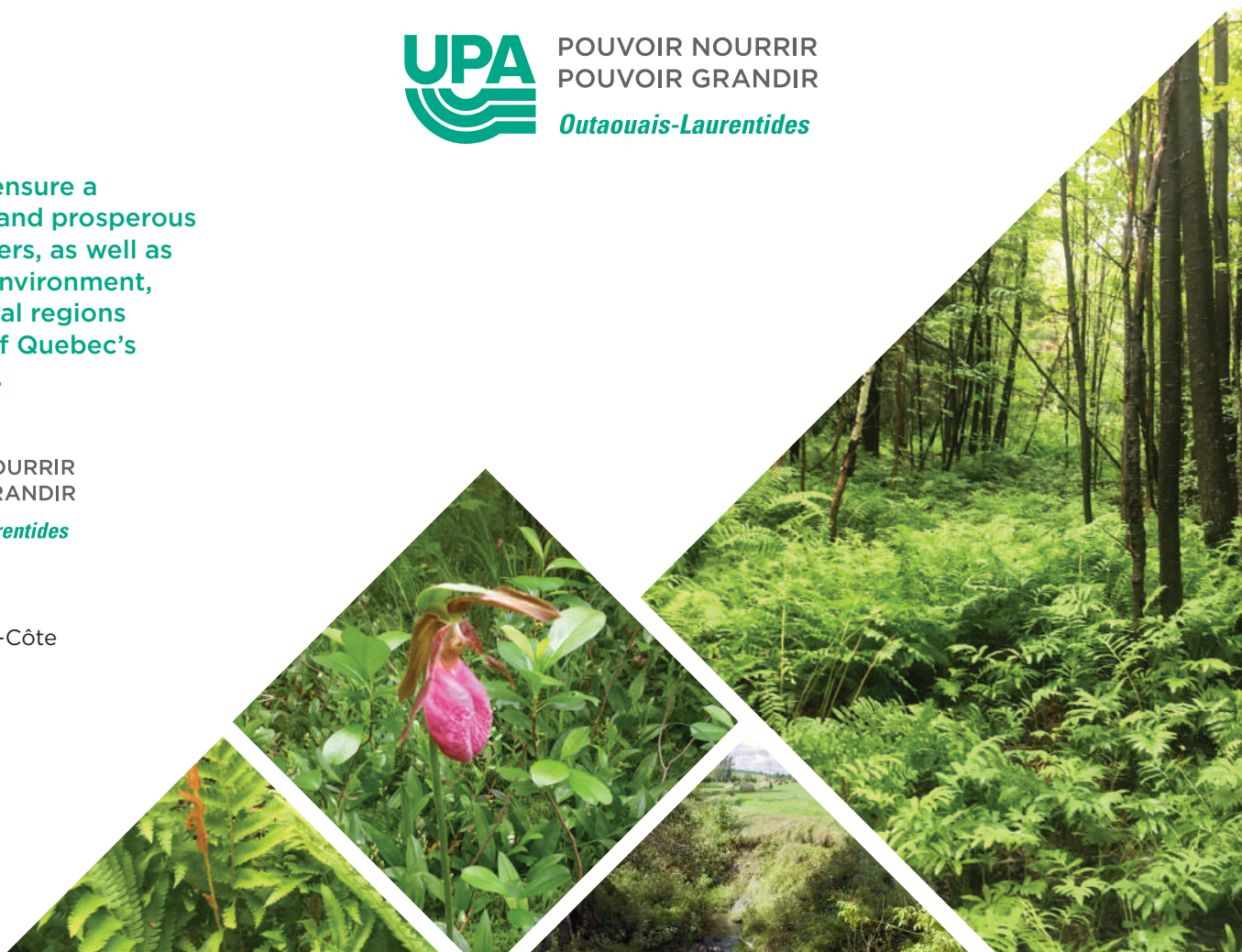
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CONSULTING SERVICES

Wetland characterisation and Water management strategies



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Since 2017, wetlands, water courses, lakes as well as other aquatic environments have been subject to a changing legal framework developed to conserve and facilitate the sustainable development of these non-renewable natural resources.

Although adapting to these new regulatory requirements has its challenges, the Fédération UPA Outaouais-Laurentides is now offering new services to its producers of a qualified person in environmental and water management field.

Agricultural activities or development projects (cultivation, forestry work, construction, culvert installation, etc.) can impact wetlands, and influence water volume and flow of connecting rivers, lakes or wetlands of neighboring upstream and downstream producers. To validate the feasibility of a project, prepare an application for a permit or authorization, or obtain information on sound water management practices, the Fédération UPA Outaouais-Laurentides is providing the services of a professional in the environmental field.

Step-by-step support will be provided to enable producers to make informed decisions that are consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

- ♦ **VALIDATE.** The presence of a wetland or water course can be validated through documenting the history of the site, analyzing existing maps and collecting and analyzing field data.
- ♦ **CHARACTERIZE.** Scientific criteria is used to characterize the environment, to establish its ecological – value (where permitted) as well as validate its surface area through the analysis of the type of vegetation, type of soil, presence of water, etc.
- ♦ **DOCUMENT.** The collected information is integrated into a technical report, including maps illustrating the study area and tables summarizing the results. The report can be useful when applying for a permit or authorization in connection with a project.
- ♦ **INFORM.** As needed, information can be provided on various aspects: procedures to be followed with the competent authorities (Ministry of the Environment, MRC, municipality); the financial compensation system for damage to a wetland; etc.

Providing services to its members is at the heart of the mission of the Fédération UPA Outaouais-Laurentides.

Its professionals know the farming community and have expertise adapted to the reality and expectations of farmers.

- ♦ Personalized accompaniment
- ♦ Popularization of issues and legal and regulatory aspects
- ♦ Practical and feasible solutions adapted to the reality of agriculture

Services include:

- ♦ one to two site visits, as required;
- ♦ a comprehensive written report: analysis of data, maps, tables, overall summary, assessment of financial compensation required, if applicable;
- ♦ meeting to present the conclusions of the report.

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