Land Asset Management Pilot Project

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In the fall of 2009 the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) presented a think piece to “Green Deputies” on the need for coordination of provincial land data and better tools to manage land data. In the spring of 2010, Treasury Board asked DNR to prepare a business case on the concept of proactive land asset management. Although the impetus for the idea arises from DNR, it relates to issues that impact all government departments that own land or manage land related data. In its presentation, DNR emphasized to Treasury Board the need for the creation of an advisory committee to coordinate land data and the need for technology tools to provide provincial coordination of data.

Based on these presentations, Treasury Board, through the Change and Innovation Fund, has approved a two year pilot project, through which DNR will demonstrate proactive land asset management as a policy initiative. An advisory committee which includes many of the departments that own land or manage land related data² has been established to provide guidance to this initiative. This pilot will focus on promoting agriculture development and wind-energy conversion opportunities on Crown land.

The ultimate goal of proactive land asset management is to derive greater benefits from the province’s valuable Crown land assets and associated natural resources.

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²The LAM Advisory Committee includes representatives of Agriculture; Natural Resources - Land Services and Renewable Resources; Energy; Environment; Chief Information Office; Office of Aboriginal Affairs; Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - GeoNova Secretariat; Land Programs and IT Architecture; Treasury Board Office; and Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.