



# ALBERTA INNOVATES

## Research and Innovation Project – Knowledge Transfer Summary

<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>The Future of Water: Engaging Albertans in the Water Energy Food Nexus</b>
<b>Project No:</b>	<b>2419</b>
<b>Project Lead:</b>	<b>Megan Van Ham, Alberta WaterPortal Society</b>
<b>Partners:</b>	<b>Alberta Innovates, Alberta WaterPortal Society, Alberta Real Estate Foundation</b>
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>

### **Project Summary:**

The Alberta WaterPortal Society (WaterPortal) operates an established online platform to support greater awareness and understanding of Alberta's water challenges and opportunities. The portal provides valuable impact through (i) a shared news service, (ii) by maintaining a library of updated and timely scientifically-based information, and (iii) by developing innovative and informative products which attract and challenge users to understand water management issues and water sustainability in Alberta. This project supports development of new products which can challenge Albertans water management perspectives.

An understanding of the converging demands for water from communities, as well as the energy and food production sectors are critical to inform future water management decisions. This project will engage stakeholders and, longer term the public, to encourage consideration of the water-energy-food nexus (Nexus) and support more holistic water management decision-making in Alberta.

The project will research and share context for Albertan consumers on how converging water demands can impact new developments, land use decisions, and socio-economic factors related to homes such as energy and food prices and other costs of living.

### **Outcomes:**

None available.

### **Links:**

[www.albertawater.com](http://www.albertawater.com)

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