

<b>Title:</b> Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Exclusion Application Process Policy		<b>Policy No:</b> 6.36
<b>Effective Date:</b> November 28, 2023	<b>Amended Date:</b> N/A	<b>Review Date:</b> November 28, 2025
<b>Policy Statement:</b> <p>The City of Maple Ridge recognizes the importance of the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and the purpose of the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC), which is to preserve agricultural land, encourage farming in collaboration with other communities of interest, and to encourage local governments, First Nations, the government and its agents to enable and accommodate farm use of agricultural land and uses compatible with agriculture in their plans, bylaws and policies.</p> <p>As of September 30, 2020, private landowners are no longer able to make an application for ALR exclusion. As of this date, the City of Maple Ridge is required to be the applicant for an exclusion application to the ALC.</p>		
<b>Purpose:</b> <p>To establish a process for accepting, reviewing, and processing applications for ALR exclusions, in which a property owner requests the City of Maple Ridge apply on their behalf and pays all applicable costs to have their property excluded from the ALR.</p>		
<b>Scope:</b> <p>Local Governments, First Nation Governments, the Province of British Columbia, and prescribed public bodies may make application to exclude land from the ALR. This policy applies to individual landowners and other groups or agencies which may no longer submit exclusion applications to the ALC.</p>		
<b>Definitions:</b> <p><b>ALC:</b> Agricultural Land Commission  <b>ALR:</b> Agricultural Land Reserve  <b>OCP:</b> Official Community Plan  <b>Remnant Parcel:</b> Properties the ALC has previously identified as appropriate for exclusion, as outlined on Map of ALC Identified Remnant Parcels, attached to Policy 6.36.  <b>RGS:</b> Regional Growth Strategy</p>		

### **Application Requirements**

Applications for exclusion from the ALR will be evaluated based on the following considerations:

- If the subject property is identified as a 'Remnant Parcel', as outlined on Map of ALC Identified Remnant Parcels attached to Policy 6.36;
- If another ALC application-type is more suitable;
- If relevant bylaws, policies, and plans can support the exclusion, including but not limited to the following documents:
  - Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy
  - City of Maple Ridge Official Community Plan
  - City of Maple Ridge Zoning Bylaw No. 7600-2019
  - Maple Ridge Agricultural Plan
  - Council endorsed Area Plans
- If a land use assessment justifies or supports the exclusion, including but not limited to parcel size; continuity and impacts to the ALR; impacts to surrounding land uses; overall soil and agricultural capability; farm classification; and impacts to the public interest.

Noting in certain circumstances, another ALC application-type or block exclusion may be a more suitable approach. In these instances, staff would provide feedback and recommendations on the proposed exclusion application.

### **Application Submission**

Should staff proceed with considering an ALR Exclusion application, the property owner(s) will be required to submit a complete application package, as outlined by Planning Department staff and on the Planning Department website, in order to be considered.


Supporting documents may also be required, including but not limited to a Qualified Professional peer review, as well as additional maps, photographs, and soil assessments.

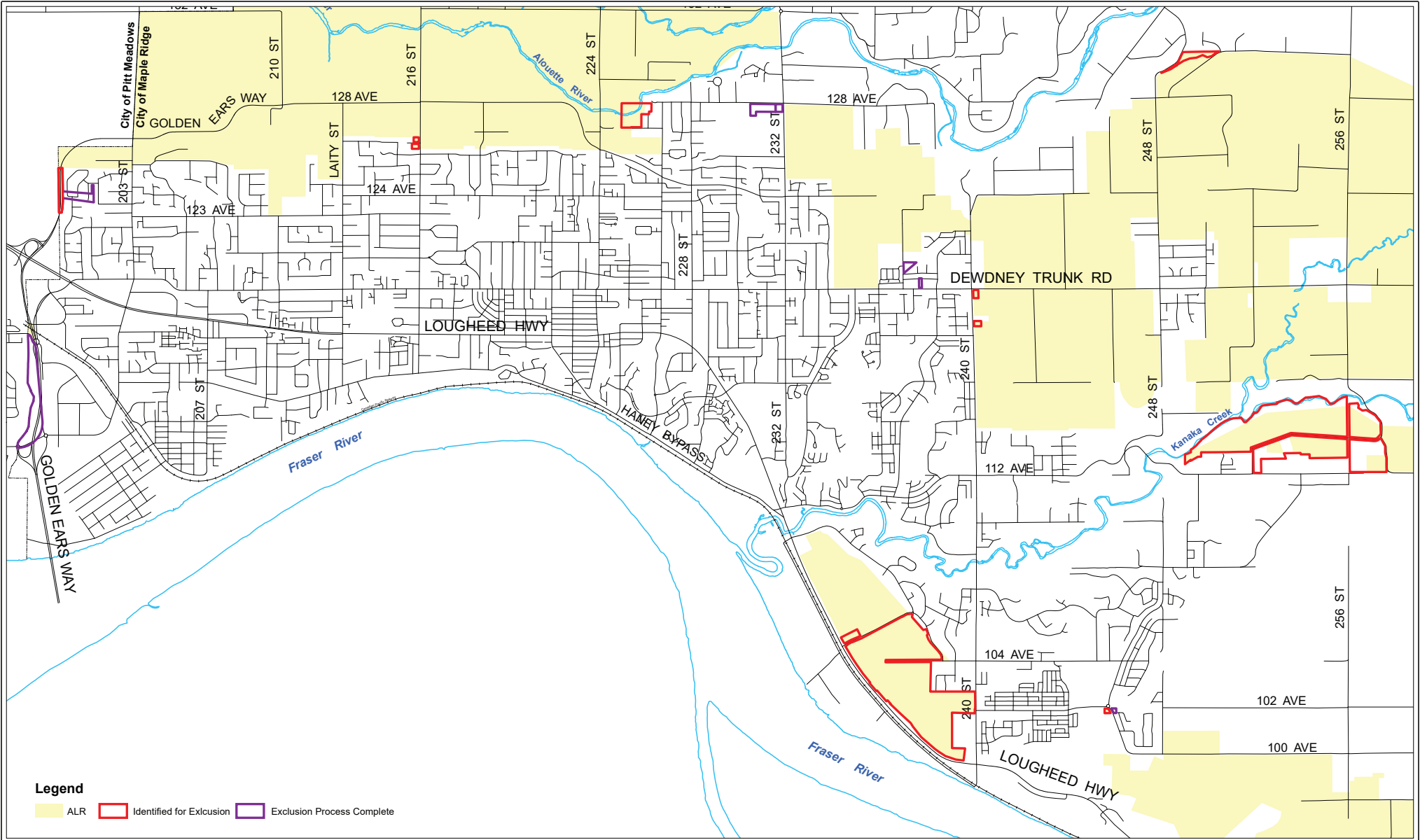
### **Application Process**

All ALR Exclusion applications will proceed through the following general process:

1. Staff will complete a technical review of the application and all necessary referrals.
2. Staff will follow the ALC's mandated process for submitting ALR Exclusion Applications, as amended from time to time, including notifications to the public and hosting an opportunity for the public to speak to Council on the matter.
3. The application will be considered by Council. Council will pass a resolution to either forward (with or without conditions), or not forward the ALR Exclusion application to the ALC for consideration.
4. Should the ALR Exclusion application receive ALC approval, the applicant would then be required to proceed through the City of Maple Ridge development approval

process, as outlined in the Development Procedures Bylaw No. 5879-1999, as amended from time to time.

<b>(Administration Only)</b>  <b>Resolution No.:</b> R/2023-WS-069	<b>Signature (Council)</b>   _____	<b>Date Signed</b>  December 7, 2023 _____
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**Legend**  
 ALR Identified for Exclusion Exclusion Process Complete



# Map of ALC Identified Remnant Parcels

The City of Maple Ridge makes no guarantee regarding the accuracy or present status of the information shown on this map.



Map of ALC Identified Remnant Parcels  
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