

Celebrating 20 Years of Watershed Management

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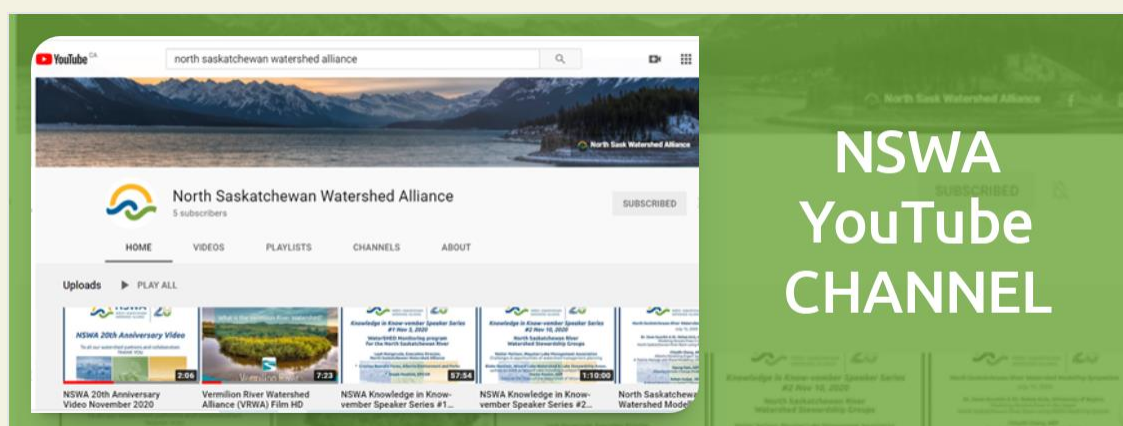
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As 2020 comes to a close, we are very grateful for your encouragement and interest in the NSWA. Twenty years of work could not have been accomplished without YOU. Our friends, partners and collaborators have been the key to our progress over the last twenty years and will be the foundation for our work into the future.

We hope this month will bring you time to rest, enjoy our watershed in new ways, and to explore the many quiet and peaceful places. We look forward to 2021 with anticipation of renewed opportunities to meet and work together.

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Check out the **NEW NSWA YouTube Channel!**

Discover our 20th Anniversary video, the Knowledge in Know-venber speaker presentations, an introduction to the restoration work in the Vermilion River watershed and more! Subscribe to our channel to receive notices of new recordings.

[NSWA YouTube CHANNEL](#)



THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA SEEKS YOUR INPUT

Alberta Environment is gathering ideas from Albertans to ensure outdoor recreation on Crown land is funded and managed sustainably, now and into the future. For more information on Alberta's Crown Land Vision and to fill out the survey follow the link below.

As well, the Alberta government is gathering feedback from Albertans on draft reports and flood maps used to support emergency responses and make our communities safer.

[RECREATION SURVEY](#)

[FLOOD STUDY SURVEY](#)

VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Are you a local landowner, gardener, or nature lover?

Check out the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance's monthly blog which features stories and projects relating to healthy water and landscapes.



DECEMBER'S BLOG:
*Invasive vs. Native Plants:
Knowing Your Riparian
Area*

To learn more, go to:
<https://vrwa.ca/blog/>



The VRWA just posted a new [blog](#) on their website.

This month's article helps to identify native vs. invasive plants in riparian areas. Discover how to identify and control these species in your area of the watershed.



20 YEARS OF MEMORIES ~ DO YOU REMEMBER?

This year we have been featuring past Board members and supporters who have made contributions to the success of the NSWA. There are so many people who have made significant contributions and we want to acknowledge all of you. We especially want to thank our Board members who contribute their time and expertise to our organization.

Without your enthusiasm, dedication and support NSWA would not have been able to be successful in our watershed management activities. As we look forward to 2021 and beyond, we will continue to seek your input and partnerships.

THANK YOU!

OTHER WATERSHED RESOURCES

The [Environmental Law Center](#) has posted several new articles on Climate Change and the Forest Act which are definitely worth reading.

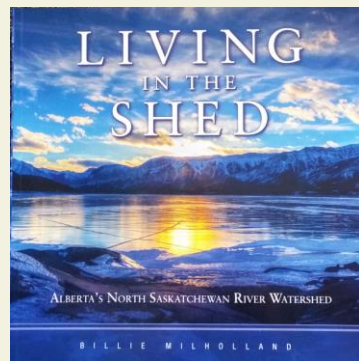
The [Land Stewardship Center](#) has opportunities for acreage owners to apply to fund eligible cost-shared stewardship initiatives on their properties. For more information check their [website](#).

The [Miistakis Institute's Working with Nature](#) website is an online toolkit for municipalities that helps catalogue natural infrastructure and then develop a plan to use it to mitigate flood and drought risk.

[Alberta Agriculture and Forestry](#) has several videos posted on their YouTube channel about sustainability - check them out!

The Alberta Water Portal has shared new six animated videos of ~2 minutes each the viewer gets to explore concepts like how all water users in a watershed are connected, how population growth will increase the demands for food and energy, and how a healthy environment supports all activities in the water. [Click here to explore](#).

Check out the NSWA [DISCOVER](#) section on our website with watershed resources and activities for adults and children. There are many activities to encourage watershed learning for your family.



2020 ANNIVERSARY SPECIALS

The holidays are just around the corner- *Living in the Shed* is a great gift for all of the nature lovers on your list. Priced at \$20 per copy for our 20th Anniversary. Purchase your copies today at our [SHOP](#).

NSWA is a registered charity. **For every donation over \$50 we will send you a NSWA 2021 Calendar as our way to say thanks. For a donation of \$100 or more we will send you a copy of our 2021 calendar and a copy of *Living in the Shed*!** For information on supporting our watershed projects go to our [DONATE](#) webpage.



Did you know - NSWA was a finalist for the 2020 Emerald Awards for *20 Years of Watershed Management Excellence*.



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