



IN STREAM NEWSLETTER

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We **love** our watershed and our supporters - thank you for your ongoing interest in the NSWA. We love all the amazing places in our watershed to explore. If you would like to send some photos of your favorite spots in the watershed, we will share some on our social media. Just email your photos to water@nswa.ab.ca

There are several webinars coming up and job opportunities available for summer staff. If you know of others who would be interested in our watershed news please share this newsletter - they can sign up for our newsletter at www.nswa.ab.ca

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

We want to let you know that Leah Kongsrude, NSWA's Executive Director, will be retiring in June. We will certainly miss her excellent leadership. We wish her all the best in this new phase of her life. More information on the search for a new Executive Director will be sent out shortly.

WATERSHED WEDNESDAYS WEBINARS - March 2 and April 13



Our online **Watershed Wednesdays Speaker Series** have returned for 2022. The next webinars will be held on March 2 and April 13 from noon to 1 p.m. on Zoom.

February 2 - Climate Change Effects on the Watershed

The excellent presentations by Dr. David Sauchyn and Dr. Pascal Badiou are posted on the NSWA website under [Resources](#).

March 2 - An Introduction to Watershed Management in Alberta

Several WPAC managers will discuss watershed management under the **Water for Life Strategy**

and the role that **Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs)** play. They will provide updates on the various activities that WPACs are involved in across the province.

April 13th - Updates on Invasive Species

Nicole Kimmel (Alberta Environment) and Bernie Poulin (Summer Villages of Silver Sands - Lac Ste Anne) will give updates on invasive species and flowering rush.

Register for these online webinars on Eventbrite:

[REGISTRATION](#)

JOIN THE NSWA TEAM THIS SUMMER!



Apply to join the NSWA team this summer!
NSWA is looking for two enthusiastic people to join our team
as Watershed Outreach Assistants

The positions require excellent communications skills, experience with educational outreach and knowledge of watershed science.

Please share this opportunity with young people in your network who may be interested. For more information about the positions and how to apply please go to our website.

[APPLY NOW](#)

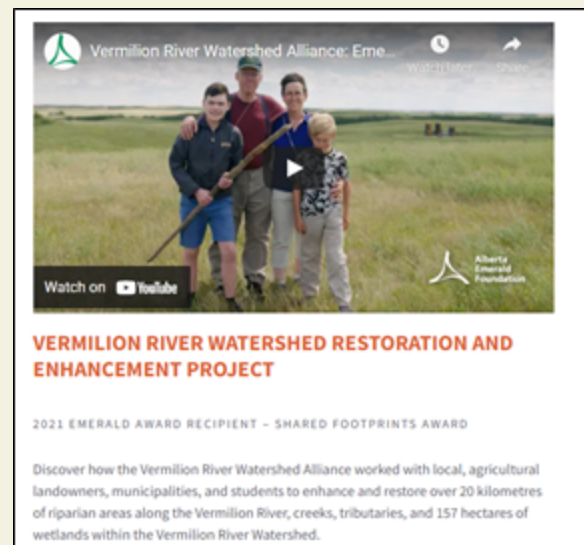
TIME TO RENEW YOUR NSWA MEMBERSHIP



Membership in the NSWA provides you the opportunity to vote at our AGM in June, as well as to be nominated for open Board positions. If you would like to renew your membership (current members) or become a new member of the NSWA please sign up on our website. Membership renewals close on March 31, 2022.

[Renew your Membership](#)

VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE



The work of the **Vermilion River Watershed Alliance** is featured in one of the **Emerald Award documentary** films. The VRWA, along with many partners and landowners, received an Emerald Award in the Shared Footprints Category for the restoration and enhancement projects in the Vermilion River subwatershed. Take a look at this documentary film and videos about other award winners.

[Documentary Series](#)

WABAMUN LAKE VIDEOS

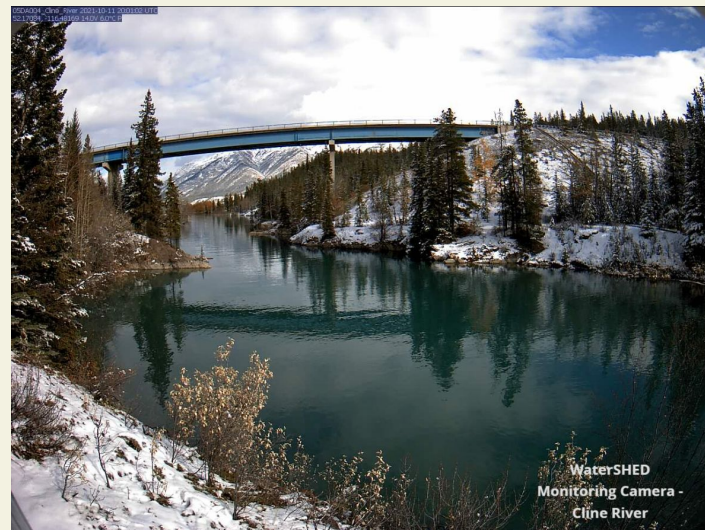


The **Wabamun Watershed Management Council** has posted a new video about projects at their lake. **Michael Short of Lets Go Outdoors** produced a video about water sampling this winter at Wabamun Lake with ALMS, and featuring other partners involved in the [Wabamun Lake Watershed Management Plan](#). The video highlights the collaborative effort that has gone into producing the Plan and how that same effort will be essential to enacting the Plan.

Check out the video and the Plan!

Wabamun Lake Videos

WaterSHED DATA NOW ON DATASTREAM



The [WaterSHED Monitoring program](#) is a unique partnership between Alberta Environment and Parks, EPCOR, the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance and the City of Edmonton.

This is the North Saskatchewan River's most comprehensive river monitoring program. It encompasses 19 monitoring stations, from the headwaters of the North Saskatchewan River to

the Saskatchewan Border.

This program improves data collection both upstream and downstream of Edmonton, allowing all partners to make informed decisions for protecting and preserving water in the North Saskatchewan River.

Two years of data collected from the monitoring stations across the watershed is now available on the **DataStream** website!

WaterSHED Data on DataStream



REGISTER NOW!

MARCH 22, 2022
WORLD WATER DAY
1 to 3 PM

**Alberta WPACs present "Groundwater:
Making the Invisible, Visible".**

This province-wide online event will celebrate **World Water Day**. Featuring speakers and a panel discussion on groundwater. For more information and to register check this Eventbrite link.

WORLD WATER DAY

The graphic features a background image of a river flowing through a landscape with fields and trees. Overlaid on this is a network of white dots connected by thin white lines. In the center is a logo consisting of a green circle with a white vertical bar and a blue curved line, resembling a power button. Below the logo, the text "RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL" is written in green and blue. The entire graphic is set against a light green background.

RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL TRAINING

Planners and Project Managers in government, agriculture, & ENGO;
Get the background and skills you need to use the data and
contribute your riparian projects to this exciting new resource.

101: Dive into the Riparian Data: Our Intactness Project Thurs. March 3rd, 1:30pm	102: Where Data Meets Action: Riparian Web Portal Friday March 4th, 1:30pm
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All Workshops are offered at no cost, via Zoom.
Attendees must complete the 101 workshop before 102.
Register at battleriverwatershed.eventbrite.com

In the **Riparian 101 workshop**, you will learn the **"Why and How of the Riparian Intactness Assessment Project"** - how it applies to your work, and how it can improve the health of our watersheds.

Topics will include:

- Information about the project, and why the BRWA and NSWA are pursuing it
- An overview of the methods used to measure riparian intactness, pressure, and prioritization
- The importance of riparian areas for watershed health Tools and resources for governments, agriculture, and ENGOs to apply this knowledge
- Share your thoughts on the project and its potential relevance to your work.

Register at least 48 hours in advance.

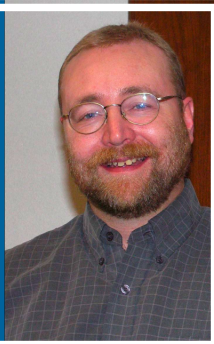
The 101 webinar is a pre-requisite for the **"Where Data Meets Action: Riparian Web Portal" 102 Workshop**. For more information:

Riparian Workshop Registration

MEET OUR NSWA BOARD MEMBERS

Our featured NSWA Board member for February is **Tracy Scott**.

Tracy
Scott



He is the head of industry and government relations for **Ducks Unlimited Alberta**. His work involves any policy at the provincial, federal, municipal or industry level that has the potential to impact wetlands or grasslands conservation.

What is one of your favorite spots in the watershed and why?

"My favorite spot is my own land which is in the headwaters of Amisk Creek (I call my place Amisk Lake Lodge). I've lived here and taken care of the land here for 30 years."

Any interesting hobbies that you would like to share?

"I enjoy hiking, canoeing, hunting, bushcraft and fur trade era history"

About NSWA:

"I'm very happy to be back on the NSWA Board after being absent for many years. NSWA does great work to raise awareness regarding watershed management and I'm honoured to be back on the Board of Directors!"

OTHER WATERSHED RESOURCES

The **Wetland Knowledge Exchange** is offering a webinars on a variety of topics. On March 16th, Lee Fedorchuk will present on 'Slow Forestry: Moving Towards the Sustainable Management of Manitoba's Peatlands.' Registration for this webinar can be found [here](#).

The **Land Stewardship Center** has published a new online [Stewardship Directory](#) as well as a new [Green Communities Guide](#). Check their website for upcoming [webinars on watershed stewardship](#) and for more information.

Cows and Fish will be hosting a series of workshops on Native Trout! More information and registration can be found [here](#).

A recent article featuring Dr. David Sauchyn was published in the Western Producer; **"Prairie precipitation predictions: the right amounts at the wrong times"**.

People from local government, researchers, policy makers and educators rely on [Municipal Natural Assets Initiative](#) to keep up-to-date on the latest in measuring, managing and valuing of natural assets. Subscribe to their newsletter for more information.

Ducks Unlimited has published a new **Alberta Wetland Classification Field Guide**. You can [download](#) an updated copy or purchase a copy [here](#).

Check out the **NSWA DISCOVERS** section on our website with watershed resources and activities for adults and children. There are many activities to encourage watershed learning for your family.

SUPPORT THE WORK OF NSWA

The NSWA accepts donations through the **ATB Cares** program which matches 15% of every dollar donated to Alberta-based charities through their **ATB Cares Web Portal**. It is easy to use and automatically



issues a charitable tax receipt for donations \$10 and over.

For more information on supporting our watershed projects go to our [DONATE](#) webpage.



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