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NSWA Projects and Events

 **NSWA**
NORTH SASKATCHEWAN
WATERSHED ALLIANCE

**WATERSHED WEDNESDAY
WEBINAR SERIES**

**THE ROLE OF NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN BUILDING
RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

A CONVERSATION WITH JOANNA EYQUEM

University of Waterloo, Intact Center on
Climate Adaptation

MARCH 8 2023
12:00 - 1:00 MST

Our next noon hour online **Watershed Wednesday Webinar** will be held on March 8th.

Scott Millar will interview **Joanna Eyquem**, an internationally-recognized expert on climate adaptation, flood and erosion management and nature-based solutions. She has over 20 years experience in Canada, the UK, the USA, and Western Africa. She is the Managing Director,

Climate-Resilient Infrastructure from Intact Center on Climate Adaptation at the University of Waterloo.

In this webinar titled “**The role of natural infrastructure in building resilient communities**” you will hear more about the role and value of nature-based solutions in managing natural hazards.

Register on Eventbrite for more information and to receive the Zoom link.

If you missed the conversation between our Executive Director Scott Millar and **Derek Vollmer of Conservation International** on global partnerships and collaboration listen to the [YouTube recording](#).

[REGISTER HERE for March 8](#)

WE'RE HIRING Join Our Team This Summer!



NSWA will be hiring up to **2 Summer Watershed Outreach Assistants** from May to August 2023. The application deadline is **March 31, 2023** - information about the job and how to apply is linked below. Please share this information with anyone who may be interested!

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NSWA MEMBERSHIP and RENEWALS

If you would like to become a NSWA member and be able to vote at our **Annual General Meeting on June 28 2023**, please fill out the membership form before **March 31, 2023**.

More details on the AGM will be coming soon!

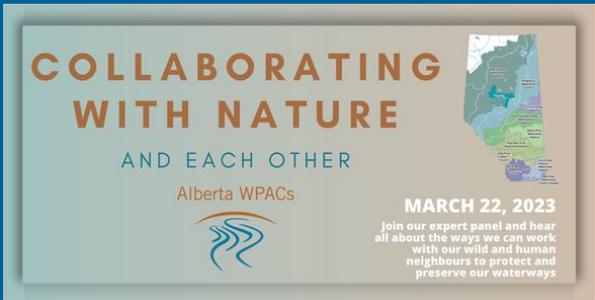
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REGIONAL LAKES STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

NSWA is looking for applicants for lakeshore restoration projects in the North Saskatchewan River watershed. Projects could include planting of native trees and shrubs. These sites will become educational demonstration sites for the community to learn about natural shorelines. Take a look at the application form for more details.

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WORLD WATER DAY- March 22

Join the Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs) of Alberta at our celebration of World Water Day. Save your spot on Eventbrite for this special webinar! Our speakers (Dr. Glynnis Hood and Tim Romanow) will discuss different ways we can collaborate with nature and with each other.

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NSWA FEATURED ON THE EMERALD AWARD VIDEO SERIES

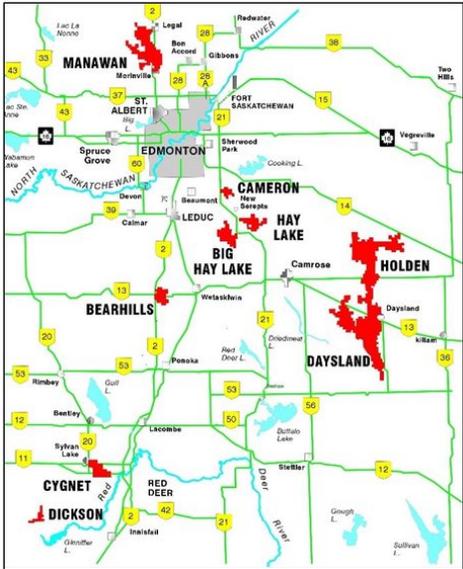
Take a look at the interview with NSWA's Mary Ellen Shain that is part of the **Emerald Award Documentary series!** In 2022, the Riparian Web Portal was recognized for its environmental achievements at the 31st Annual Emerald Awards in the Water category.

To learn more about riparian areas explore the [Riparian Web Portal](#).

[Watch the Emerald Award video](#)



Partner Highlights CELEBRATING PARTNERSHIPS



Have you ever wondered about Drainage Districts?

One of NSWA's partners is the **Alberta Drainage Council**.

If you're like me, you might think that drainage districts focus on draining water from a rural landscape. While they may have started out that way, with a goal to increase productive agricultural land across the Parkland Natural Region, they now have a much broader water management focus.

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Parkland County Sustainability Award

Congratulations to **Parkland County** on receiving a **Canadian Sustainability Award** from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Parkland County has worked with NGOs and other partners to investigate how natural assets, such as wetlands, help to reduce the effects of extreme weather events over time and how these natural assets on agricultural land can be preserved and restored.



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Studying the Icefield: How Glaciologist Alison Criscitiello is Using Ice Cores to Reconstruct our Past Climate

Receding glaciers are a recognizable symbol of our changing climate, so we spoke with glaciologist Dr. Alison Criscitiello to find out what they're learning through recent research on the Columbia Icefield.

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Parks Canada wants your input into the future of **Elk Island National Park**. For more information about the draft Elk Island National Park Management Plan and opportunities to have your say please visit: www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/ab/elkisland/info/plan

The [Alberta North American Waterfowl Management Plan Partnership \(ABNAWMP\)](#) is updating the [Guide to Making Wetlands Work in Your Municipality](#).

They are looking for Councilors, Land Use Planning experts and other municipal representatives who have knowledge of/experience with wetlands. Your expertise can help to make sure everything a municipality needs to succeed in wetland management is included in the new guide!

There are two ways to get involved:

1. [Join a focus group](#), March 22 from 12.30 – 14.30 (through Zoom); and/or
2. Review and provide feedback on the guide.

If you are interested or would like more details, please contact:

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The next gathering of the [Alberta Citizen Science Community of Practice, Wading Through Aquatic Projects](#) will be held on March 1st and will highlight Alberta's water-based citizen science projects, and will focus on what's involved in the planning and designing a citizen science project.

Celebrating our Watershed

ART, CULTURE AND HISTORY

Photographers in the Watershed

Bill Trout's amazing photos have been featured on the NSWA website, in our book *Living in the Shed* and in many of our publications. Get to know Bill a bit more and hear how our watershed is an inspiration to him.

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Winter Fun in the Watershed

Follow us on social media for more frozen fun facts and information!

Check out the free family friendly events on weekends in March - kick sledding, snowshoeing and orienteering. Read more at the [Winter City website](#).

[Gaia](#) is a new exhibit at the [Muttart Conservatory](#) featuring artwork by Luke Jerram, an artist based in Bristol, England. The exhibit uses imagery from NASA of the earth's surface and shows our planet on a large scale. Gaia gives us a sense of the beauty of Earth and how all life is connected.

If you have events that NSWA could feature please email us at water@nswa.ab.ca.

DONATE



Your support goes a long way

NSWA is a registered charity. You can donate to support our projects and ongoing work in the watershed. For more information on ways to donate check out our website.

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