



Ponoka Riparian Program Ready to Roll!

The Battle River Watershed Alliance wants to work with residents in Ponoka County and the Town of Ponoka to help improve the health of the watershed. Attend the Program Launch event April 9th to learn more and get involved!

Ponoka Riparian Restoration PROGRAM LAUNCH

Thursday, April 9, 4:30-8:30pm

Kinsmen Community Centre, Ponoka
(with demos down at the Battle River)

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*Ponoka County and Town of Ponoka residents:
Join us to learn more about this exciting new initiative.
All are welcome!*

This is a free event, but please register by contacting
Sarah at 1-888-672-0276 or sarah@battleriverwatershed.ca

We want to work with YOU to improve the health of the Battle River and its tributary streams in Ponoka County and the Town of Ponoka. Funding is available to support landowner and community projects that achieve this goal. Attend the program launch to learn more about the program and how you can get involved!



Along with our partners:

Cows and Fish
Ponoka County
Town of Ponoka

Grey Wooded Forage Association
Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development
Government of Canada



Research, Recommendations and Action:

An Update on the BRWA's Watershed Management Planning Process

- Watershed management recommendations have been developed on the topics of drought, non-point source pollution, and source water protection. Visit www.battleriverwatershed.ca/watershed-management to learn more.
- From January to March 2015, the BRWA met with 13 municipalities across the watershed to share information about the completed watershed management recommendations and explore opportunities for municipalities to support implementation efforts.
- The BRWA's Riparian Areas Policy Context Report will be released in Spring 2015. Riparian area management recommendations will then be developed for our watershed. Stay tuned for more information about riparian workshops coming to a community near you in Fall/Winter 2015!
- The BRWA is currently gathering information on wetlands management in order to determine how best to manage wetlands in our watershed.
- Current action projects aimed at implementing the BRWA's watershed management recommendations include the Camrose Source Water Protection Initiative and the Ponoka Riparian Restoration Program.

Watershed Management Plan Fact Sheets

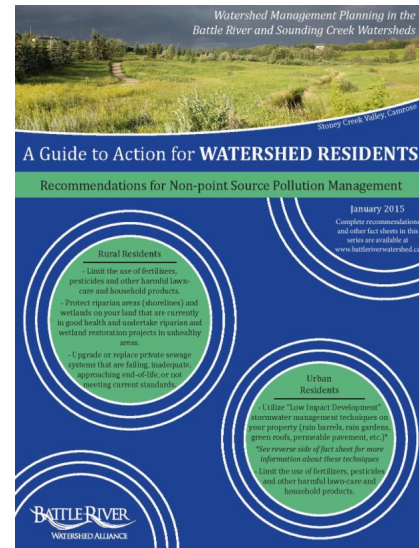
Learn more about what you and other watershed community members can do to help improve the health of our watershed. These fact sheets provide "at-a-glance" information about the BRWA's non-point source pollution and source water protection recommendations.

Non-point Source Pollution Management

- [For Municipalities](#)
- [For Agricultural Organizations](#)
- [For Agricultural Producers](#)
- [For Environmental Organizations](#)
- [For the Government of Alberta](#)
- [For Watershed Residents](#)

Source Water Protection Fact Sheets

- [For Municipalities](#)
- [For First Nations](#)



OTIS Award Winners Spotlight:



The County of Vermilion River & Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Winners of the 2014 OTIS Award in the Business/Organization Category.

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Since 2010, The County of Vermilion River and Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) have brought conservation to the forefront in the local residents by empowering farmers and ranchers to continue to utilize beneficial land management for their specific needs and wishes.

Projects within the County of Vermilion River include the restoration of native vegetative cover, the enhancement and restoration of wetlands, planting of perennial cover on sensitive lands, establishment of native pollinating plants to increase habitat for native pollinating species, creation and expansion of riparian buffers and vegetative zones, reforestation, the establishment of nesting structures for waterfowl, and the protection of native Parkland Prairie ecosystems and existing shelterbelts.

The OTIS award recognizes watershed residents who are OutsTanding In Stewardship. For more info on OTIS and our 2014 winners, please visit: battleriverwatershed.ca/otis

Students in grades 7-12....

*What would you do to help improve
your watershed?*

Tell us by April 13th 2015!

The Caring for our Watersheds Contest asks students in grades 7-12 to tell us their ideas on improving their watershed.

There is over \$6,000 to be won, with the first place idea winning \$1,000 for themselves AND their school or club!

Learn how to get involved including tips on writing a successful proposal at:

battleriverwatershed.ca/cfw



CFW In Action

Upcoming Events

Ponoka Riparian Restoration Program Event Launch. Thursday April 9th, 2015. Kinsmen Community Centre, Ponoka. 4:30-8:30. Supper will be provided to those who register. Come learn about this new restoration program and how you can be involved! Register by contacting the office at 1-888-672-0276.

Caring for our Watersheds Final Competition- May 23rd 2015, Reynolds-Alberta Museum, Wetaskiwin. Cheer on the student finalist of this contest.

Water Ceremony - June 6, 2015. On the banks of the Battle River, everyone is invited to celebrate the Battle and the watershed with a traditional Cree ceremony. This is the final ceremony in a series of four annual events. A ceremonial blessing of the water, potluck lunch, speakers and give-away are planned. We will also be hosting a canoe trip on Friday June 5th. Please contact the BRWA to RSVP and for directions to the site.

Rolling down the River*. Mark your calendars! This annual cycling event will be held Saturday July 11th. Two routes will be offered for different levels of cyclists- The Edberg 80 and the Bashaw Battle. Both of these loops will start and end in Camrose.

Working Well Workshops. April 15th in Donalda, and June 11th in Buffalo Lake. Hosted by Alberta Agriculture, the Working Well program provides well owners with the information and tools they need to properly care for their wells.

The Alberta Saskatoon Pie Baking Competition*. Saturday July 25th, 2015. Pie bakers and pie eaters are welcome!

Battle River Watershed Festival*. Saturday August 22nd, 2015. Miquelon Lake PP.

*The BRWA needs volunteers to help at these and other events. If you are interested, please contact Nathalie at 780-672-0276.

See all of these and more upcoming events on our [Events Webpage](#).

You are receiving this email as a member of the Battle River Watershed Alliance.
We hope you enjoy our seasonal newsletters and occasional event invitation.

We welcome inquires. Please contact us anytime at:
battle.river@gmail.com or by phone 780-672-0276

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