



Winter 2022 Newsletter





**RIPARIAN
WEB PORTAL**

You're Invited!

Virtual Open House

Feb 24, 2022
7-8pm via Zoom

Join us for this interactive session to explore the Riparian Web Portal and discover the health of the shorelines of your local water bodies

Learn how you can use the Riparian Web Portal to:

- View new satellite-based riparian data through the interactive map
- Get inspired by on-the-ground stewardship projects
- Browse resources that will help you care for riparian areas that matter to you



The Riparian Web Portal was designed to support Albertans in building healthier riparian areas by providing:

- Access to condition assessments
- Summary statistics for waterbodies
- Resources for conservation and restoration

Attend this virtual open house to learn more about our Riparian Intactness Assessment project and how you can use the Riparian Web Portal to view the results.

[Register Here](#)



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

All Workshops are offered at no cost, via Zoom.
Attendees must complete the 101 workshop before 102.
Register at battleriverwatershed.eventbrite.com

Register Here



March 22, 2022
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

The Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs) of Alberta work towards the protection of water resources in our province. Collaboratively, we are presenting this online World Water Day event. The theme for the UN World Water Day 2022 is "Groundwater: Making the Invisible, Visible." Groundwater is often a forgotten source of water. Our three speakers will highlight the value of groundwater and water resources.

[Learn more about our speakers and RSVP here](#)

Meet our New Staff

A new addition to our team, Kandra will be coordinating our education programs such as X-Stream Science and Future Farmers for Freshwater, as well as



being the Program Coordinator for the Alberta Caring for Our Watersheds contest. Originally from Moose Jaw, SK, She received her bachelor in Environmental Studies and Geography from the University of Regina and has been hooked on working for watersheds since. First in Biggar SK, then Milk River AB, then Gravelbourg SK and now here!

Her family has a small herd of bison. In her spare time you will find her with her camera, borrowing other people's dogs, and cross country skiing. Sometimes at the same time. Other times she can be found swimming or gardening.

Carson grew up in Camrose, exploring Stoney Creek and the rest of the watershed by foot, bike, ski, and canoe. He has a BSc in Environmental Sciences from Augustana and worked for the BRWA as a summer student in 2018. This experience, as well as working for Alberta Parks as an interpreter and being part of the Camrose Green Action Committee and Augustana Earthwise groups, inspired him to pursue a MA in Sustainability Studies at Trent University. He studied how and why local ENGOS and municipal governments collaborate on environmental initiatives and is excited to apply that work to engaging with the BRWA's municipal partners. Carson enjoys spending time with his wife and family, exploring nature, cooking and eating good food, and playing board games.



Education Programs



**Win up
to \$1,000!**

**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!**

Contest deadline: March 22, 2022

Funding available for
project implementation

 **CARING FOR OUR
Watersheds®**

Attention Grade 7-12 teachers!

[Learn More](#)

FUTURE FARMERS FOR FRESHWATER

How can we
grow food and
keep our
water clean?

4-H Club
Presentations and
Service Projects
available.



In this new project, 4-H club members will learn more about agricultural best management practices for growing food and keeping our water clean. Clubs will be engaged through virtual or in-person presentations and activities, and take part in a hands-on community service stewardship project such as a tree planting. [Contact Kandra](#) if you are interested.

Field Trip Season!



Waste in our Watershed Tour
(Grade 4)



Discover Your Wetlands
(Grade 5)



X-Stream Science
(Grade 7-12)

Interested? Contact Kandra to talk about booking your class!

*Pending COVID restrictions

[Learn More](#)

[Request a Program](#)

2021 OTIS Award Winners

Individual: **Lorne Ferguson** - Volunteer Stewardship

Business: **Dan and Harriet Liddle** - Nature with Agriculture

Organization: **Wainwright Wildlife Society** - Valuing Wild Spaces

Youth: **Round Hill Renaissance Agricultural Foundation** - Growing Rural Education

Do you know someone who is **Outstanding In Stewardship**? Nominate someone you know for the 2022 OTIS Award!

[Learn More About Our Winners and the OTIS Awards](#)

Important Bird Areas

What's an Important Bird Area?

- Places of international significance for the conservation of birds and biodiversity
- Recognized worldwide as practical tools for conservation
- Distinct areas amenable to practical conservation action
- Identified using standardized criteria

We are undertaking monitoring of these Important Bird Areas (IBAs) for this upcoming season. Stay tuned for more information on how you can be involved!

-Wavy Lake

-Bearhills Lake

-Killarney, Dillberry, and Leane Lakes



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