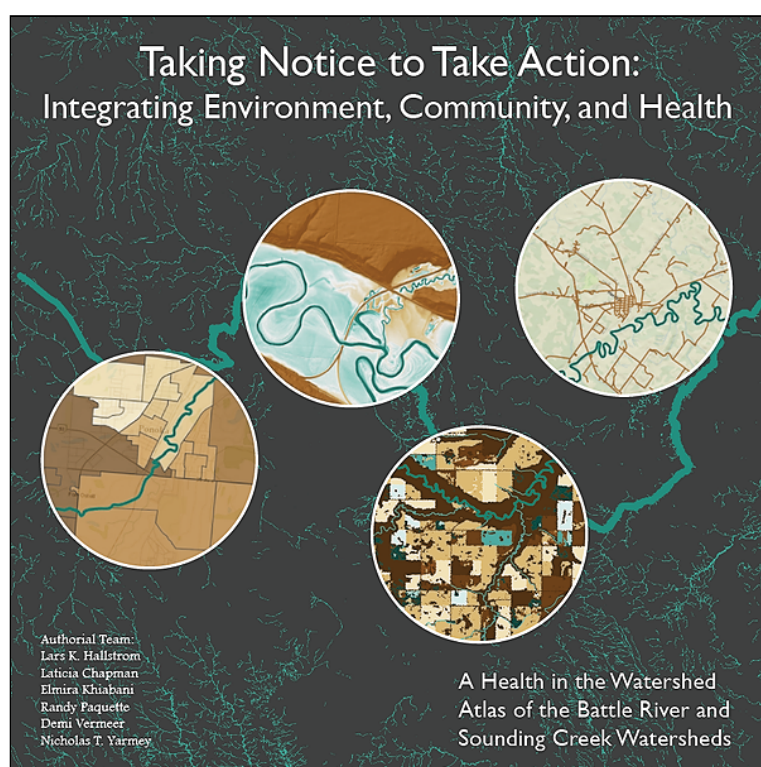




## **Thanks to everyone who came to the BRWA AGM & Bus Tour!**

It was a great day of learning from local partners in watershed stewardship, celebrating the work of the BRWA over the past year and looking towards future projects, hiking through the Battle Lake fern glades, and enjoying the beautiful headwaters of the Battle River watershed.

[Read the BRWA's 2022-2023 Annual Report](#)



## **State of the Watershed Report for the Battle River and Sounding Creek Watersheds 2023**

The BRWA is pleased to announce the release of the new state of the watershed report, *Taking Notice to Take Action: Integrating Environment, Community, and Health*.

The print version was released in February 2023, and the digital version is now available on the [BRWA website](#).

The report features maps and information on over 40 indicators related to ecological, community, and public health in the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds. Over the coming year, the BRWA will be taking the report into communities to discuss how the data and maps can help tell the story of health across the watersheds, and identify actions that may be taken to support the holistic health of ecosystems, people, and communities.

## **Aligning Watershed Management Goals & Local Service Delivery Policies, Plans, and Programs**

With the help of our partners, BRWA is able to collaborate and provide municipalities, the Maskwacis Cree Nations, the Métis Nation of Alberta, and community groups with tools to enhance watershed management in the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds.

### *Support from the Battle River Community Foundation*

A recent grant from the BRCF has enabled us to bring together community members from across the watershed in a new Land & Water Committee. We are very grateful to have the committee and their guidance as we embark on new projects that will sustain and improve the health of the watershed. [Get the full story in the Camrose Booster \(page 19\).](#)

### *Alberta Community Partnership Program Grant*

Camrose County, Flagstaff County, and Lacombe County, in partnership with BRWA, have received a two-year grant through the Government of Alberta's Alberta Community Partnership Program. This grant will support us in working together with municipalities, Indigenous communities, non-profit organizations, and other partners to share information from the state of the watershed report, gather input on community priorities, and offer land use planning tools to align policies, plans, and programs with watershed management goals. More information is provided in the following Requests for Proposals. If you know of a consultant in these areas, please share the RFPs (accessible via the attached PDFs, or with login access to the MERX website).

Solicitation Number: LW-PC-01-23 Professional Planning Services ([MERX](#); [PDF](#))

Solicitation Number: LW-EPFCS-02-23 Engagement and Facilitation Services ([MERX](#); [PDF](#))

## **Workshops & Events - Join Us**

### **June 18th, Camrose Purple Martin Festival**

The festival, hosted by the Camrose Wildlife Stewardship Society, will be at the Stoney Creek Centre in Camrose from 9:30am - 3:00pm. BRWA staff will be at the event all day with information about the watershed. You can also join us for bug dipping from 11am - 12pm. This will be a chance to see what bugs in the creek can tell us about water quality. Come and enjoy the day with us! [For more information](#)



### **July 7th, Paddle at Tide Creek, Pigeon Lake**

Calling all paddlers - BRWA staff will be paddling Tide Creek as a scouting trip to expand our series of [Paddle the Battle](#) guides. We

would love to have some avid paddlers join us. Participants will need to be self supported; please come with your own boat, gear and lunch. BRWA will provide extra water and snacks. Meet at: [Gilwood dock](#) at 9:30am, Paddling from: 10am - 1pm. We will have lunch back at the dock. [For more information](#)



### **July 15th, Summer Field Tour and Central Alberta Youth Range Day**

This event will be hosted by the Society for Range Management, and will include a field tour for adults and a range day for youth. BRWA will be hosting a session as part of the Youth Range Day, which will be an opportunity for youth aged 13-18 to learn about rangeland management, riparian health, aquatic invertebrates, and plant identification in the Battle River watershed. Registration is open for both the Summer Field Tour and Youth Range Day. [Register](#)



### **August 19th, BRWA Watershed Festival, Big Knife Provincial Park**

Join us for a day of exploring nature at Big Knife Provincial Park. BRWA has a great day planned with activities for all ages. In the past, hundreds have come out to enjoy the watershed expo and we are thrilled to be able to offer it again this year. In addition to nature walks, bug dipping, the Alberta Community Bat Program, birders, and other watershed experts, there will be face painting and field games. Hope to see you there! [For more information](#)



### **In the Classroom**





## Caring For Our Watersheds Contest Winners

The top ten finalists in the Caring for Our Watersheds contest showcased their creative ideas for environmental initiatives at the Reynolds-Alberta Museum in Wetaskiwin, Alberta on May 12th. Students were asked to submit a proposal that answers the question, “What can you do to improve your watershed?” As part of the competition, students had to research their local watershed, identify an environmental concern, and come up with a project proposal to implement a realistic solution in their local watershed.

[Learn more about the students' projects](#)







## X-Stream Science Leader Training

In May, BRWA staff hosted X-Stream Science training with the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association, members of Samson Cree Nation, and fellow WPACs from across Alberta. Glinis Buffalo, Consultant for Samson Cree Nation, and her team are leading a habitat restoration program at Pigeon Lake.

[Learn more about X-Stream Science](#)

## In Other News

- [How is the Canadian water sector evolving?](#)
- [Canada Water Agency: Keeping our waters clean, now and into the future](#)
- [Butterfly count at Dry Island on July 9th](#)



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