



Interview with Denise Hawkins of Camrose Energy

Battle River Watershed Alliance is fortunate to be part of the Camrose Energy's Community Partner Program. Denise Hawkins, owner of Camrose Energy, gave us an inside look into what their company achieves and the stewardship efforts behind it.

[Read our blog](#)

Workshops & Events - Join Us



January 24th, Riparian Web Portal 102 Workshop

Learn about the Riparian Web Portal, how it may support your work, and how you can share information about your riparian projects. The session is intended for planners, councillors, and program managers in governments, Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils, and other NGOs.

Location: Virtual

Time: 2 - 4pm

[Register](#)

January 26th, Building Resiliency to Multi-Year Drought in Alberta

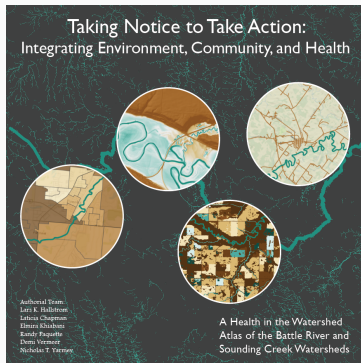


This session is designed to support municipalities with drought management, and is intended for municipal councillors and staff, Government of Alberta, and other organizations involved in drought management in the province.

Location: Blackfalds Community Centre, 4810 Womacks Road, Blackfalds, AB

Time: 10am - 3:30pm

For more information, contact Susanna at:
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February 29th, Health in the Watershed Summit

Join us to learn about ecological, community, and public health in the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds as highlighted in the latest State of the Watershed Report. This is an opportunity to hear from you on how this data resonates in your community. Intended for watershed residents and stakeholders.

Location: Heisler Community Culture Centre

Time: 10am - 3:30pm

[Register](#)

In the Classroom



We are now booking for our Habitat Tour for Grade 6 at Big Knife Provincial Park! After a successful pilot this fall we are accepting bookings for the spring.

[Read the Blog](#)

Our other school programs are FULLY booked for the spring. We will release available fall dates in the spring.

Habitat Tour Program Booking



CARING FOR OUR Watersheds[®] Alberta

Open to Grades 7-12 students across Alberta

Compete to win \$1,000 CASH!

**WHAT CAN YOU DO TO IMPROVE YOUR
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Encouraging students to take their interests and
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Deadline: March 12th, 2024

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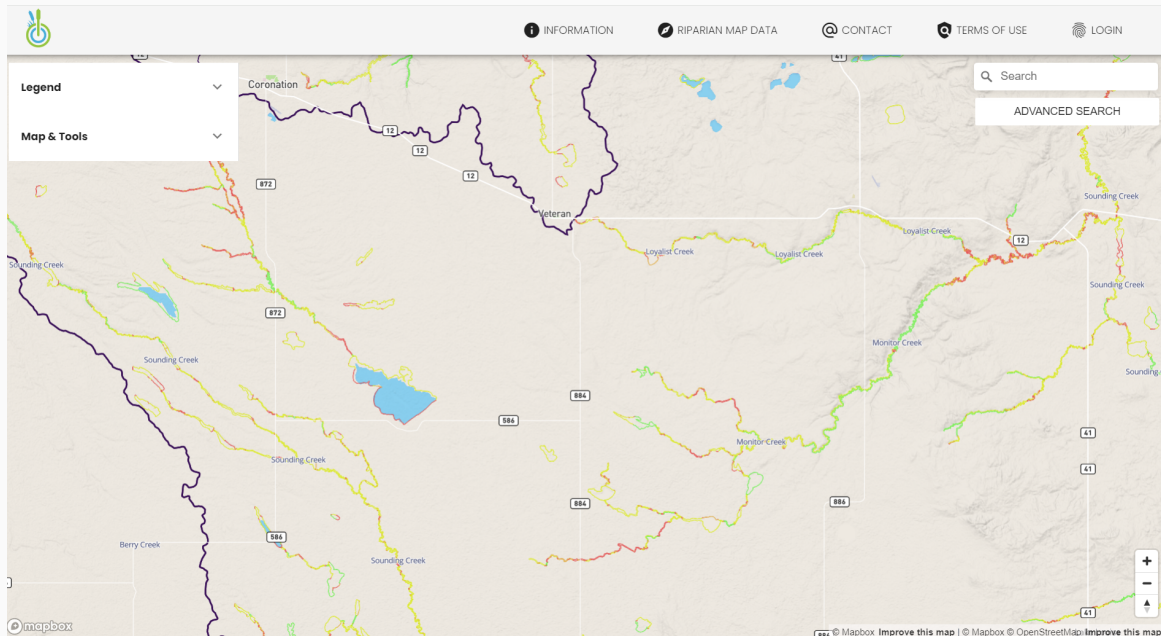


Alberta government warning municipalities about water use this

year due to drought

CBC News Posted: Jan 05, 2024. CBC interviews Rebecca Schulz, Alberta's Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, about 2024 drought emergency management plans.

[Article](#)



Sounding Creek Riparian Intactness Data Now Available

New riparian intactness data is available for over 2,000 kilometres of creek and lake shoreline in the Sounding Creek watershed. "Intactness" is a measure of the riparian (shoreline) condition. Using satellite imagery, the study assesses the extent to which the natural habitat of the shoreline or streambank has been altered by human activity, including the quality of natural and woody vegetation as well as human footprint. Healthy riparian areas improve water quality, mitigate floods and drought, improve biodiversity, and add economic value to the region. We can use this information to identify priority areas for conservation (where intactness is high) and restoration (where intactness is low). You can view the data and final report on the Riparian Web Portal through the links below.

[Interactive Map Data](#) | [Final Report](#)

Riparian Restoration and Conservation Funding Available!

Contact BRWA about funding for riparian projects, including riparian fencing, installation of livestock watering systems, native vegetation planting, and more.

[Program Guidelines](#) | [Application Form](#)



Alberta Energy Industry Water Use Performance Report

The Alberta Energy Regulator has released its annual *Alberta Water Use Performance Report*. They report on measures related to water use in oil sands mining, in situ operations, enhanced oil recovery, and hydraulic fracturing to evaluate industry performance against target outcomes and priorities, which are established through government policy. (Image: Alberta Energy Regulator)

[Water Use Performance Report](#)

The Alliance

A photograph of two people, likely hikers or environmental workers, standing in a field of tall grass and shrubs. They are wearing hats and backpacks. In the background, a calm lake stretches across the horizon under a clear sky. The image is used as a background for the hiring announcement.

WE ARE HIRING

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR



We're hiring for our seasonal Environmental Program Coordinator position! This is perfect for a post-secondary student wanting to get experience in watershed management and education. The application deadline is **January 25, 2024**.

[Apply Here](#)

OTIS Award Nominations Now Open!

The OTIS Award recognizes individuals, agricultural initiatives, businesses and organizations, and youth in the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds who are Outstanding In Stewardship. Deadline: March 31, 2024

[Nominate someone you know](#)

In Other News

- [RMA Seeking Answers on Drought Recovery Funding Gaps](#)
- ['Playing beaver' in drying of the wetlands](#)

- [Upper Fish Creek State of the Watershed: online report released!](#)
- [Study of Water Impacts of Hydrogen Development in Alberta \(2023\) | Infographic](#)

*Many of the articles we feature have been shared through the [Alberta Water Portal Society](#). If you are interested in water-related issues in Alberta, we encourage you to subscribe.

Interested in lake management? Sign up for [Alberta Lake Management Society's](#) newsletter.

Partner Events

- [Red Deer River Naturalists](#) AGM January 25, 2024 at the Kerry Wood Nature Centre.
- Wetland Knowledge Exchange webinar "Taking the permafrost's pulse - Insights from seven years of a simulated permafrost thaw resource pulse" presented by Dr. Catherine Dieleman on January 23, 2024. [Register](#)
- Attend a [Kids Can Catch Event](#) at locations across Alberta, February 17 & 18, 2024
- Environment Farm Plan Workshop available on January 18, 2024 in Stettler and February 15, 2024 in Castor. [Register](#)

Happy New Year!



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