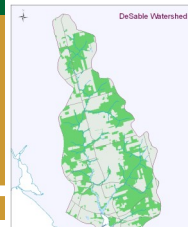


# DESABLE WATERSHED NEWSLETTER



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**You're Invited to the**

## Pond Grand Opening

Saturday, Oct 18, 2008

at 11:00 am

1396 South Melville Rd.

For More Information,

### Committee Contacts:

**Joe Matters 658-2843**  
**Ron Arvidson 658-2566**  
**Norah Gorman 658-2535**  
**Angela Larter 658-2516**  
**Cindy Newson 658-2387**

### Types of things we hope you donate for the new pond development:

- Bird boxes, all sizes
- Picnic tables and /or lumber to make tables
- Fencing material, like posts
- Mulch for paths, such as wood chips
- Transportation for bulk quantities of mulch
- Your time for minor landscaping, brush clearing, general site cleanup
- Your time to enjoy this special place

### On Page 2:

- **Summer summary in several numbers**
- **Picture The DeSable Watershed Photo Contest details**
- **Help find THE name for the newly restored pond, and "spill" any area history**
- **A little more info on the very pretty pond**

## The "You're Invited to Participate" Issue

Normally -and especially with so much going on to share - this space is reserved for telling all that happened since the last issue. But these details will have to wait until the next Newsletter (we promise) because we have so many items to invite your participation. We challenge you to use your creativity, maybe test your memory, lend a hand if you can. Do join us at the official opening of a newly restored

**Oct 9: Name that Pond!**, last day for submissions. All are welcome to participate (See pg 2) Mail or call 658-2387

**Oct.11: 9:00 am Volunteer Day at the Pond.** Materials also welcomed, call 658-2566 . Go to 1396 Rte 246

**Oct 18, 11:00 am: Pond Grand Opening Celebration, & Official Name Unveiling**

at pond side. Representatives, tree ceremony, refreshments

**Nov 14: Picture the DeSable; Our Watershed Photo Contest** deadline for submissions ( for details, see pg 2)

**Nov. 20: Annual General Meeting of DREAM Kelly's Cross Community Center**



Similar views of the new pond, being dredged, flooded, and (almost) finished

All Photos: Ron Arvidson

pond in South Melville, that it is hoped both human and wildlife communities will enjoy for many years. This project was made possible through landowners Eric and Bonnie Rieber generously leasing part of their property to DREAM Inc. for public use, through volunteerism and WCF funding. PEI Dept. of Environment (DEEF) provided invaluable technical support and hundreds of trees and shrubs. Island Coastal and staff did a simply extraordinary job sculpting earth, even planting trees. Thanks also to our four summer staffers, who planted, mulched and grass-seeded. Now, what's left: to name this pretty pond, to finish some details and to celebrate.

## NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN DREAM

Even if you did not notice what DREAM was up to in the past, this summer it was almost impossible to miss something DREAM Inc. had a role in, from Maplewood thru to DeSable. It is becoming increasingly clear that watershed groups like this are providing a valuable role in the PEI landscape, doing what is impossible for individuals or government working alone to do. The simplest way you can show your support efforts to give info, and to sustain & revitalize our beautiful surroundings is to become a member of this volunteer group for \$10. per year. Together, many voices speak louder than a few when presenting issues of concern. A group that can prove it represents more residents can more easily get public attention and private funding to do needed work, (and as a win/win, also put those funds into the local economy). Now's the time for you to join: in the next few weeks, DREAM's priorities & master plan for '09 will be made. You, the member, decide with your votes at the General Meeting in November.

PICTURE THE DESABLE, YOUR WATERSHED PHOTO CONTEST

**DREAM Numbers ( 2008 only), A Summary:**

1 pond restored for public enjoyment and improved fish habitat, some assistance to another  
2 clay roads extensively worked upon by TPW to reduce sediment infiltration into waterways  
3 river or stream road crossings improved for both public safety and fish passage  
4 types of scientific research conducted throughout the watershed, involving 100 + samples taken of groundwater, surface water, salt water, and sediments from river and estuary  
6 positions (employing local residents in all but 1 case) restoring, assessing, and researching  
6 options for the community to appreciate and participate in improving their environment  
Almost 1000 trees and shrubs planted  
Over 3000 pounds of waste and refuse removed from in or near fresh and salt waterways  
Many \$1000's added to the local economy that would not be added otherwise, almost all of it to companies and individuals within ten miles of DeSable Watershed.

**NAME THAT POND!**

Please put your creative mind to work and give your suggestion(s) for a name for the restored pond in South Melville. This is not a contest and you don't need to be a member of DREAM. Make as many up as you like, but please hurry: entries **close on Oct. 9**. Names to date include *LindenHill, Willow, Willy's, Eastcreek, Nayamill, Longleaf, Kingfisher and Bonny*. Tell us, what do you think? Call 658-2387 or mail (PO Box 123, Crapaud COA 1J0) in your ideas today. It should be understood that no payment is to be made or received for a submitted name, whether accepted for use or not, and so if you wish to "own" the name it cannot be used for this pond. Also, please contact us with any history you know of the pond or vicinity. What is the creek's name?

**FORMERLY CONSTABLE'S POND...**

this waterway, meters east of Rte 246, was almost totally silted in for years. It had promise, being sheltered by close hills to the south, east and west, and there was a nicely flowing but shallow stream. In July, with excavator artistry, it was reborn as a truly special place. It has become a by-pass pond with a stream still flowing on the south side. The pond intentionally serves to catch silt from this stream. The pond is over 100 feet long, by 40 feet wide, with an interesting shoreline curving in and out. To the north, what soil was removed from the basin was leveled into a high, flat area overlooking the whole pond, creating an ideal place for seating. Here, hundreds of native hardwoods are now planted, and the new grass is green. Down-slope, toward the water, shrubs like wild raisin and rose are thriving, beside the footpath that was sculpted above the water line. The water itself flows crystal clear, and seems to be a haven for a blue heron, seen only hours after the pond filled. Other critters have been spotted, like the one seen here, happily checking new surroundings—> Everyone pulled together on this one so a special space could be developed in the middle of the watershed and enjoyed by the community year-round. *Come see what the talk is about, and be as happily surprised as all are.*



*Picture Perfection;  
Picture Your Local World*

We live in one of the prettiest places around and are just entering what may be the prettiest season. Colors are dramatic, crisp, and diverse now. Something astonishing looking is almost commonplace. Why not photo-capture flora, fauna or scenery and share it!

..and Win Prizes too!

(see details in next Newsletter)

Open to all residents of DeSable Watershed

Must be of a subject in DeSable Watershed

To enter:

please provide a 5"by 7" print, with photo title or description, and when shot, along with name, address, tel.number. Drop off to Ron no later than Nov.14/ 08

Please do not send in originals, as return can't be guaranteed. Winning entries may be reproduced by DREAM Inc., with owner consent

Entries will be displayed the evening of Nov.20/ 08, at the Annual Meeting, at Kelly's Cross Community Center. 1st and 2nd place will be juried by an independent third party, plus there will be a people's choice award, made Nov.20.

Call Ron 658-2566 for details

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**JOIN DREAM INC. PLEASE CLIP & MAIL NOW TO**

I want to: A) be a member of DREAM Inc. Enclosed is my annual membership fee \$ 10.00\_\_\_  
B) donate the following amount to this worthy cause \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
C) donate my time by volunteering for \_\_\_\_\_

(✓) RECEIPTS ISSUED TO RETURN ADDRESS

I would like to be invited to join DREAM\_PEI online group (my e-mail is below) \_\_\_(✓)

I may be interested in having plantings on my property, and would like to know more \_\_\_(✓)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

If you prefer, e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheque payable to DeSable River Enhancement & Activity Management Inc. *Thank You*