



DESABLE WATERSHED NEWSLETTER

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Spring Public Meeting

Thursday, May 26, 2011

at 7:00 pm

Kelly's Cross Community Center.

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Buffer Zone Regulations; Landowner Reminder

Living trees & shrubs can not be cut down within the buffer without a watercourse alteration permit. A permit is also required to add or remove material from a watercourse or buffer, to carry on stream enhancement, to disturb soil, to apply pesticides, or to operate vehicles (some exceptions). Buffer zones are now 15 meters, minimum, within which dead limbs may be removed, nature paths maintained. Grass mowing is permitted. Trees, shrubs and grass may be planted, if using only hand tools. *This is a review only, and should not to be regarded as legal information. Please consult Watercourse and Wetland Protection Regulations at www.gov.pe.ca, or call 368-5052*

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WARMER WEATHER, WEALTH OF WATERSHED ACTIVITY

Spring is well along now, and with it, watershed activities revitalize. Some of you may notice that the main channels of the watershed are again being evaluated (staff donated by Dept of Environment, Energy and Forestry). Hopefully you will get a chance to drop in to one of the upcoming activities noted below., including a public meeting in Kelly's Cross, this time with **guest speaker Randy Power**, discussing the role of estuary research right here in DeSable and throughout the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence.

See this issue for more **great outings in May and early June**, and an offer of free trees for your watercourse locations and windbreaks. Students who may want to be **employed in the watersheds this summer** restoring area streams should read **page 2 and apply soon.**

See you in May :

- *Thurs., May 26, 7:00 pm General meeting ALL WELCOME, Kelly's Cross Community Center: guest speaker Randy Power. Request your buffer zone plantings; and sign up for CAMP volunteer estuary research (one weekday a month, for June, July and August) -see below
- *Wed., May 25, Training session for CAMP (call 658-2387)
- *Sat., May 28, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon; **Volunteer Day at Linden Hill Pond.** -see below
- *Sun., June 5, 8:00 am Bird DeSable, open to all, meet at Blue Goose. See page 2



A section of DeSable River worked on in 2010, north of McKenna Road. Removing blockages helped protect large trees from the stream undercutting its bank

May Volunteer Day

We are inviting watershed residents to participate in a Volunteer Day from 9:00am to Noon Saturday, May 28 at Linden Hill Pond. Activities include a clean-up of the environs and paths at the pond, a discussion for enhancing the Pond and finally...

a **BBQ**  and **treats.**

Picture DeSable – a DREAM Photo Contest.



We are inviting residents within the DeSable Watershed to take photos of the DeSable River and it's tributaries to enter an 8 x10" print to our display at the Annual Meeting in November. Prizes are: First - \$ 100.00, Second - \$50.00 and Third - \$25.00 as well as a DREAM membership. Participation will allow permission for your photo to be used

in a future edition of the DREAM Newsletter and or web media. (Look in the Fall Newsletter for date for the Annual Meeting, photography Judge and other details to be announced).

SEE YOUR BAY IN A NEAT NEW WAY

You may drive past it or glance at it every day, but it is unlikely you will experience DeSable estuary like you can when you take part in CAMP, Community Aquatic Monitoring Program. One day a month this June, July and August volunteers again hit the salt water for the 4th year in a long term, region wide study of selected aquatic species and estuary water and soil measures. All you need is interest. Equipment and expertise are already there, so c'mon and see what's out there. You'll see mummichogs, often by the hundreds or more. These are extraordinary little survivors, and were the first fish in space according to Wikipedia. Help count the unusual-looking flatfish species, a favorite food of osprey that frequent the shallows. Learn to ID species that are invasive aliens, like mitten crab. Did you know there are shrimp there? Monitoring allows comparison with region-wide data sets to determine estuary health trends.

WORK AVAILABLE IN WATERSHED

Every summer DREAM employs returning students to work enhancing the watershed. Debris that is clogging stream channels gets removed, devices like brush mats are built to protect stream banks from collapse and catch silt in the water, and other devices are installed to deepen channels. Certain trees are strategically planted to stabilize stream banks and add species diversity. If you think this is work that is important and or would like to work outdoors this summer, please apply as follows: apply to DREAM and Jobs for Youth, **as soon as possible**: Seasonal Hiring Office, Fisheries and Rural Development, 5th floor, Jones Building, 11 Kent St., Charlottetown, or complete online or download at www.gov.pe.ca, or Google "Employment Development Agency Jobs Registry PEI". Send **resumes to DREAM Summer Jobs, PO Box 123, Crapaud PE C0A1J0**. Please state which position applied for; "supervisor" or "worker".

Bird DeSable

DeSable River Enhancement and Activity Management, Inc. (D.R.E.A.M. Inc. will host Bird DeSable Sunday, June 5, 2011.

Join Ron Arvidson to look for migrating and nesting birds. Explore the DeSable Watershed through Mill, Green and McKenna Roads, Linden Hill Pond and a walk through Ron Prentice's woods

We will meet at the Blue Goose Restaurant on the TCH in DeSable at 8:00 a.m. Sunday, June 5, 2011.



We invite novice to experienced bird watchers to join us exploring the wonderful flora, fauna and landscape of the DeSable Watershed. For more info, call Ron at 658-2566 or email: arvidson@pei.sympatico.ca

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Photos in This Issue

Great bird photos, of Yellow-rumped Warble and White-throated Sparrow appear, courtesy of Ron Arvidson. Other images, in this issue's banner, we would like you to note are of our 2010 summer crew, Peter, John and supervisor Stephen.

NEW REGIONAL BOARD

South Shore Watershed Association is getting under way, with a Board of eight Directors made up of two representatives from each of four watershed regions. Two seats are in reserve for reps from Seven Mile Bay, when reps come forward. DeSable Watershed/ MacIvor's Point reps are Harry Smith and Cindy Newson. Harry is also now Treasurer. Ralph Dawson, of Augustine Cove is the President. Dale Mayhew of Westmoreland/Victoria Watersheds is Vice-President. Barb Clement, of Tryon, is Secretary. A staffer is now at work and for at least 15 days will be assessing areas.

PETITIONING LEGISLATURE

Shell fisherman Malcolm Pitre delivered a petition to the Provincial Legislature on May 11/11 with 2000 signatures, asking Government to begin clean-up of sea lettuce clogging estuaries and damaging fisheries. Pitre began an appeal in March and his petition has increased public awareness and dialogue. He says he has the support of not only hundreds of fisheries industry workers, but also individuals in watershed activities and Islanders at large. Well over 100 people in this area added their names. In the Legislature, Environment Minister Brown said something would be done this summer by his department "if I have to go out myself".

RESTORE YOUR STREAM?

If you would like to see stream enhancement performed on your property this summer, and don't have the watercourse alteration permit to do so, or are unsure about what is the best method, DREAM may be able to help. Please contact someone listed on Page 1.

LIKE SOME TREES?

DREAM is again taking part in the Greening Spaces Tree Program. If you would like trees or native shrubs, please call or write in soon.

DESABLE RIVER REVIEWED

In May, the main channels of DeSable Watershed will again be assessed, as well as those in Augustine Cove and Westmoreland Watersheds. The purposes here are mainly to evaluate those areas where work was performed years ago for possible revisit and to evaluate whether techniques and trial methods are working out as intended. The checklist used for the assessment and other methodology for the entire regional project were developed as a result of research and past experience acquired in DeSable Watershed.

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 B) donate the following amount to this worthy cause \$ _____ = Total\$ _____
 C) donate my time by volunteering for _____

I would like to be informed of events and news by email (my e-mail is below) ___(✓)
 I may be interested in having plantings on my property, and would like to know more ___(✓)

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