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Save the Date!

*The Westmoreland River Watershed Group will be presenting at the South Shore Chamber of Commerce Meeting on **Tuesday, January 24, 2012** at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.*

2011 SSWA Board of Directors:

Ralph Dawson, Augustine Cove

Dona Waddell, Augustine Cove

Peter Bower, Westmoreland

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Barb Clement, Tryon River

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SSWA is Up and Running

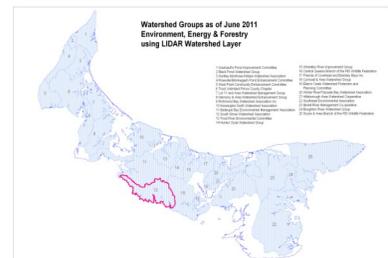
The South Shore Watershed Association (SSWA) was created, developed, and incorporated in the winter-spring 2011. Members of the Tryon River and DeSable River watershed groups were encouraged by the Department of Environment, Energy and Forestry to form an 'umbrella' group in order to build capacity and pool limited, but valuable, resources.

Residents from DeSable to Seven Mile Bay were invited to attend public meetings to discuss the possibility of cooperation and amalgamation; these meetings were held in the winter 2011. Kellie Lockhart, project coordinator, was enlisted to develop SSWA by-laws for community input and subsequent ratification. An interim executive board was chosen until an AGM

will be held in 2012.

After many arduous months, SSWA was officially incorporated, and the group hasn't looked back since! Ever-increasing community support and a productive summer is strengthening SSWA's reputation as a trustworthy and enthusiastic group, dedicated to the betterment of all the watersheds within its boundaries.

Through SSWA, two new watershed groups have emerged, eager to tackle issues within their areas. Westmoreland River Watershed Group and the Augustine Cove Watershed Group have already begun the process of evaluating their rivers and buffer zones, and are planning



Highlighted area represents the boundaries of the South Shore Watershed Association

their short-term and long-term goals and objectives.

It is the hopes of SSWA that all watersheds in the area will have the opportunity to implement restoration and enhancement activities. If you have an issue in your area that you feel SSWA can assist you with, please contact any member of the Board, or contact Kelley Arnold at 628-7522 or Kellie Lockhart at 437-2191.

South Shore Photo Contest Underway

SSWA is hosting a photo contest within its five active watershed areas! If you live within the DeSable (contest closed), Westmoreland, Tryon, 7 Mile Bay, or Augustine Cove watersheds, you are eligible to enter a photo for a chance to win up to \$100, a free watershed membership, and the chance to have your photo represent SSWA on its website. Second prize (individual watersheds) is \$50, third is \$25. SSWA grand prize is \$100.

Photos can be of anything within the watershed, e.g. wildlife, nature, landscape, or a candid shot of your children interacting with their environment. There is always an interesting picture to be taken; get snapping!

Winners from each area will be entered into the SSWA finals, held in March 2012. To enter, mail your photo to SSWA: PO Box 123, Crapaud, PE C0A 1J0. You can also email a digital copy to sswa@sswa.ca En-

tries will be received no later than January 31, 2012. Photo size must be MINIMUM 5x7.

Include the following with your photo: 1) Location where photo was taken; and 2) Name and contact information of photographer.

NOTE: Submitted entries may be reproduced by SSWA. If requested, a model release form may be signed by participant.

Good luck to all!

Tryon River Watershed Co-operative

The Tryon watershed group was extremely active this year! Sediment basins were dug out at Tobin's and at the top of Lord's Pond. The broken bridge at Lord's pond was removed; it is hoped this will be replaced in 2012. A new sediment basin was dug in Lady Fane. A birdbox monitoring project is underway, with 18 boxes monitored on a regular basis (10 swallow boxes, 8 kestrel boxes). Stream restoration occurred above Craig's Pond.



Sea lettuce caught in Site 1

The flagship venture of 2011 is that of the estuary project. Sites 1 (Aboteau bridge), 2 (Best's bridge) and 3 were completed. Site 1 caught an average of 9in in September alone; there has been confirmed deepening of the channel. Site 2 has caught a tremendous amount of sea lettuce. Site was a bank stabilization project; 34 of 35 salt tolerant shrubs were still thriving on the October 1 check.



The group would like to thank EcoAction for funding the large-scale estuary project.

DeSable River Enhancement and Activity Management (DREAM)

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Stream restoration is completed for now along Bell's Creek, as is the river tributary above Linden Hill Pond. Work was also conducted along the tributary between Linden Hill Pond and the Sandy Point road. Excitingly, restoration is expected to be accomplished by 2012; maintenance will be ongoing. The pond was also given some tender loving care this year to encourage local use for walking, picnicking and bird-watching. Overall, summer work consisted of removal of vegetation, overgrowth, blockages and brush mat construction during the summer of 2011 by summer employees Stephan Ferguson (supervisor), Zach Bell and Jordan Johnston. The crew also aided in one of the three CAMP days (Community Aquatic Biomonitoring Program) in the DeSable estuary. The Tryon-based crew also aided dramatically in the area's stream restoration.

Augustine Cove Watershed Group

The Augustine Cove Watershed Group had a busy first summer season. A private culvert was replaced which was blocking fish passage; this was completed thanks to local farmer Donald Larsen. Stream restoration occurred above Webster's Pond, and alder patch cuts were completed and replaced with native trees and shrubs to promote diversity and attract additional wildlife. Finally, trees were planted in the meadow above Webster's pond. Thanks to all who helped make this group's first year a success!



Culvert Repair, Augustine Cove

Please contact Ralph Dawson if you are interested in becoming a member of the Augustine Cove Watershed Group!

Westmoreland River Watershed Group (WRWG)

Want to Become a Member of SSWA?
Please make \$10 cheque payable to South Shore Watershed Association
PO Box 123
Crapaud, PE C0A 1J0
Include Your Name, Phone Number, Address, Postal Code and email (optional).
Let us know if you have interest in having plantings on your property!

The Westmoreland River Watershed Group (WRWG) was formed in April 2011, is currently made up of eleven members, and holds regular monthly meetings. Most of WRWG's work to-date has focused on watershed planning and stream restoration. The two main areas of stream enhancement in 2011 were on the east branch of the river, and the portion of the river that goes through the river of Crapaud.: 1) the river from Sherron's Pond to Island Excavators (Rte 13); and 2) the portion of the river from the bridge in Crapaud to the Inkerman Road. Over 200 trees were also planted within the watershed. WRWG would like to thank their community and SSWA for their tremendous support.

Feel free to contact Emma Gilbert, Treasurer, at 658-2320 for further information.

SSWA Hires Co-ordinators

Kellie Lockhart (Tryon) has been hired on as SSWA's Project Coordinator, and Kelley Arnold (DeSable) will assume the role of Planning Coordinator. Please contact them with any questions or concerns !