



# DESABLE WATERSHED NEWSLETTER



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## Special Public

### Planning Meeting

Thursday, Mar.25, 2010

at 7:00 pm

Kelly's Cross Community

Center.

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#### Who is this man?

*K. Lane  
Franklin*



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Banner Images above, from left to right: 2009 DREAM summer crew of (from left) Jake, Alex and Tanner ; Project supervisor James at work; Alex and Jake paddling to explore the condition of the mouth of DeSable River; C.A.M.P. estuary research; and Linden Hill Pond. Last image courtesy Ron Arvidson; CAMP image thanks Kelly Arnold.

## PUBLIC PLANNING MEETINGS CONTINUE, GARDEN SHOW

On **March 25**, please plan to attend the third and final information-sharing meeting of the currently planned series, on **influences on groundwater quality** ( for more meeting details, please see article below). This series has been presented to provide relevant information on water related issues, opportunity for questions to experts on issues specific to our local watersheds and a forum to discuss what should drive local planning for the next 5 to 10 years. The meetings are part of DREAM's most concentrated effort to date to **engage your input** into the planning process.

Available at the meetings and distributed along with this issue of the Newsletter are **questionnaires** DREAM asks you to respond and return with **your vision** of your watershed.

The earlier meetings on riparian zones/ALUS Program and on influences on surface water quality, were held February 4 and March 3. Both were well-attended and the Provincial reps received insightful questions and comments from the public who attended. DREAM thanks personnel from PEI Department of Environment, Energy and Forestry for their participation, PEI Watershed Management Fund for funding, Ron Arvidson for hosting and coordinating this series, and Kelly's Cross Community Center for generously providing space for all meetings

At the **PEI Garden Show** this April, there are a few things we hope you will check out. The first is the **booth shared by DeSable and Tryon watersheds groups**. There are also several speakers, beginning with Gary Schneider on native trees and plants, followed that afternoon by South Melville's Carol DellaCroce, on the love of lavender she and her Sisters of Lavender Lane share. Next day, Parks conservationist Beth Hoar will speak on invasive species.



Ice & snow rapidly disappearing in this area.



**World Water Day 2010**  
Clean Water for a Healthy World  
22 March 2010

**7th Annual PEI Garden Show, Crapaud**  
**April 17 and 18, 2010**

**Earth Day April 22**  
*Think Globally*  
*Act Locally*



Some people love trees, some people love mountains ... some people love children, grandchildren. Whatever you love...think of that and begin to work to ensure it's healthy future. – Buckminster Fuller

## SPECIAL MEETINGS THIS AREA OCCURRING FEBRUARY & MARCH

Announcing the third in a series of meetings for residents and landowners interested in having a direct say in the planning for the long term of DeSable watershed (which involves much of Maplewood, Kelly's Cross, South Melville, DeSable, and part of Hampton, Green Road and Appin Road). Guest speakers are George Somers, Manager, Drinking Water Protection, and Dr. Yefang Jiang, Watershed Management Section, Dept. Environment, Energy and Forestry. The presentation will focus on the main **influences for groundwater quality** and will include examples relevant to DeSable watershed. Following the presentation, there will be **time for questions to the presenters and open discussion**. The meeting is this Thursday, March 25, at 7:00 at Kelly's Cross Community Center. Help us celebrate World Water Week 2010 - Clean Water for a Healthy World – with this event. We invite farmers, landowners and residents in the Crapaud Area or Tryon, Westmoreland and DeSable Watersheds to join us in this presentation. For more information or copies of public questionnaire, please call Ron Arvidson, at 658-2566.

## WATER CONSERVATION AT HOME

When people use private wells, as residents of DeSable watershed do, taking steps to save water has at least three benefits. Of course, more stays in groundwater reserves, and may aid stream base water levels to remain in dry weather. Lower demands are placed upon septic systems. Water conservation also means electricity conservation, reducing demands for water pumping. Below are some tips you may find useful to help conserve water at home:

- \*Check and repair leaky faucets, and don't forget the outside faucets.
- \*Toilets often leak unnoticed. Check by putting a bit of food coloring in the toilet tank when no one else is home. Check the bowl after 30 minutes for color to appear. If it does, the repair is usually not expensive. It may be as easy as resetting the float level in the tank.
- \*Try adding a tank bank, 2 or 3 plastic bottles filled with water and submerged in your toilet tank, away from moving parts, in order to see how many will still allow the toilet to flush efficiently (ensure the toilet does not have to be flushed twice just because too many bottles are added). On average a toilet uses 28% of the fresh water consumed inside the home.
- \*Don't let the water run unused while peeling veggies or run water until its cold for a drink, when it could be chilling in a jug in the fridge.
- \*Replace faucet aerators with low flow models, and kitchen faucets with swivel aerators which allow for greater convenience and efficiency.
- \*When it's time for renovation, replace with low flow models of faucets and toilets, and consider low flow shower heads that stop flow without changing the temperature setting.
- \*Insulate both warm and cold supply lines. The heat lost in the warm line will cost heating dollars, and the cold line will tend to condense and may speed the heat loss in the warm line.

Introducing the new logo for **Linden Hill Pond** designed by Ron Arvidson. The logo is already on the cover page of an information brochure for this green space. It will be incorporated on new signage.



Linden Hill Pond is located at 1396 South Melville Rd., South Melville. Please enjoy the Pond this spring.

**Pond is one of 3 public green spaces in DeSable watershed:** Linden Hill Pond, along with the **Franklin K. Lane Memorial** in DeSable and the beautiful **Prayer Garden** in Kelly's Cross are all open to those who wish for pleasant, peaceful outdoor surroundings.

The lovely Prayer Garden, next to St. Joseph's, features a fountain and a reflecting pond and has been the result of dedicated parishioners' labors. The sound of Bells Creek burbling can sometimes be heard when visiting cozy FK Lane Monument, on Monument Lane, off Rte 19. Mr. Lane is arguably the most famous son of DeSable. He was born here, but moved to the United State. There he became a much-respected political figure and was eventually asked by President Woodrow Wilson to serve in his Cabinet, as Secretary of the Interior from 1912 to 1920. In this role, Lane is credited as being instrumental in the development of the US Park Service. During his term, parks including Acadia and the Grand Canyon became the property of all US citizens. A peak in Mt. Rainier National Park is named for him, as is a California redwood forest. F. K. Lane's photo appears on Page 1.

### YOUR WATERSHED

In DeSable watershed, as elsewhere, water issues are tied to health, economic and environmental issues. Increasingly, as people become more aware of the need to manage for these issues, groups like DREAM form, develop action or management plans and review them periodically. After five years in operation, DREAM is planning for the future, and so seeks your direction. This coincides with a change in emphasis by the Province, to seek greater guidance from communities and groups. On January 17, 2010 representatives of virtually all PEI watershed groups met in New London. The Province asked delegates what their groups felt were the overriding concerns in their watersheds and discuss what they would like to see realized in PEI in 5 years. DREAM feels these are questions it must provide **you the opportunity** to answer. Please see to the right...

### YOUR VISION

DREAM is holding public consultations, to establish community-driven strategy and priorities for action. There is a questionnaire accompanying this Newsletter that asks you to reply to these questions.  
**What is your opinion and vision for this watershed? Please describe:**

1. **What are the most important issues in this watershed?**
2. **What should DREAM be doing? It's role?**
3. **Bearing in mind your answer to # 1 (issues), supposing there were adequate resources to address those issues, what kind of watershed do you see in 5 years?**
4. **Any comments or concerns are welcome.**

If you can't make it to the next meeting, please drop the accompanying questionnaire with your responses to the address to the right, or to local drop-offs listed on form. Your input is most valued.

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