



in partnership with the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance presents :

# Vermilion River Watershed Educational Forum

## *Wetlands & Riparian Areas Restoration and Conservation*

**Date:** August 12, 2015

**Time:** 8:30 am—3:30 pm

**Where:**

Lakeland College,  
Alumni Hall Theatre  
Vermilion, AB

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### Agenda

- 8:30 Registration and breakfast
- 9:30 Welcoming remarks – Mel Mathison, Dean, Environment and Research, Lakeland College
- 9:35 Greetings from the County of Vermilion River
- 9:40 Greetings – Pat Alexander, Chairperson, North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance
- 9:45 *The Vermilion River Watershed Alliance and the Vermilion River Watershed Management Plan* – Pat Gordeyko, Chairperson, Vermilion River Watershed Alliance
- 9:55 *Life and times of the Vermilion River watershed* – Kerri O’Shaughnessy, Riparian Specialist, Cows and Fish
- 10:25 *Provincial and municipal policies, laws and implementation strategies for protection, conservation, and restoration of wetlands and riparian areas in Alberta* -Judy Stewart, LL.M., Barrister & Solicitor
- 10:55 **BREAK**
- 11:10 *Defining a properly functioning wetland, recovery of restored wetlands and management implications*– David Locky, Ph. D., Grant McEwan University
- 11:40 *Wetland Restoration – Experience, Issues and Protocol* – Barry Bishop, Alberta Head of Conservation Programs, Ducks Unlimited Canada
- 12:10 **LUNCH**
- 1:10 *Eco-hydrology of prairie wetlands and management implications: Synthesis of a 50-year study* – Masaki Hayashi, Ph. D., University of Calgary
- 1:40 *A producer perspective on riparian improvement* – Sean McGrath, Rancher Producer, Vermilion, Alberta
- 2:10 **BREAK**
- 2:25 *Field manual on riparian buffer design: Validating the tool* – Sharon Reedyk, Water Quality Specialist, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- 2:55 *Wetlands and riparian areas restoration projects in the Vermilion River watershed* – Marilou Montemayor, P. Ag. and Candace Vanin, P. Ag.
- 3:25 *Wrap-up and adjourn*

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