



NSWA Projects and Events

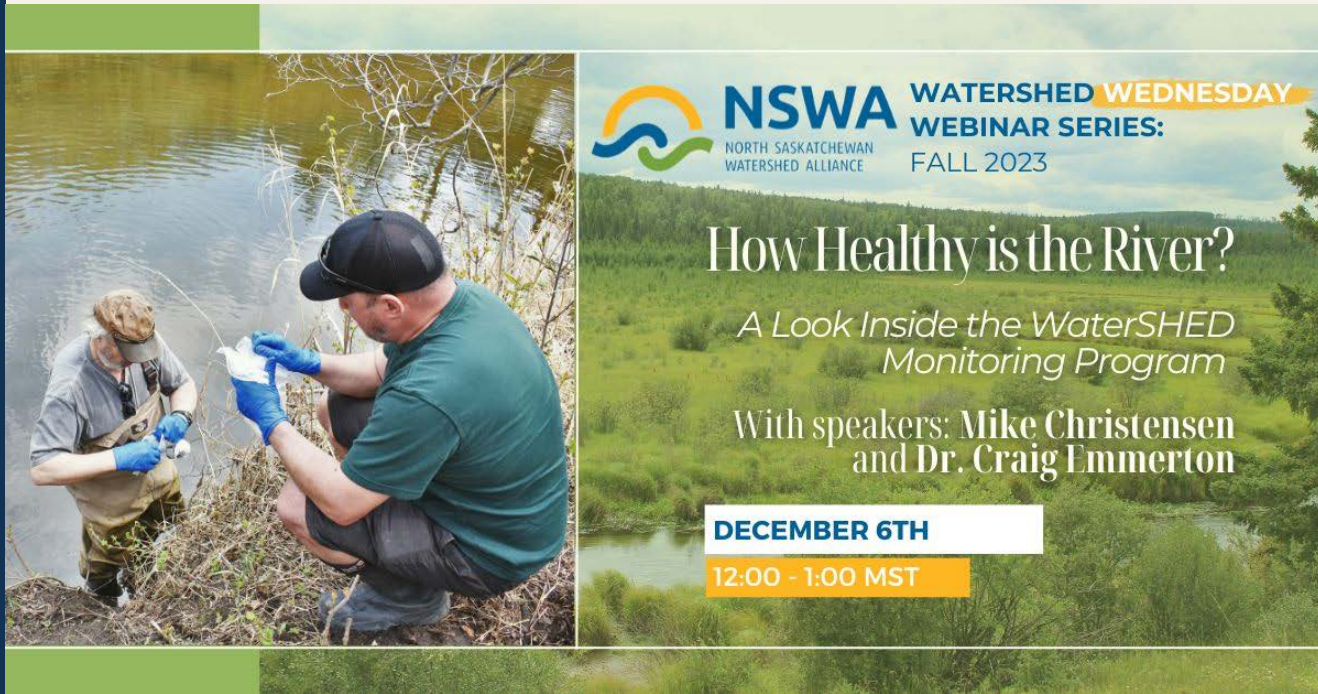


NSWA is excited to announce that our Youth Water Council program is taking off in February 2024, and we are looking for 12 passionate students (ages 15 -18) to join!

This program is the first of its kind in our watershed and will mobilize and educate youth on local watershed issues while empowering members to explore careers in the environmental sector. The Youth Water Council (YWC) will play an essential role in building a sustainable and resilient future within the NSR watershed by engaging the next generation of watershed leaders. The 2024 Youth Water Council will embark on a journey of discovery over 5 months, through virtual learning sessions, weekend camps, and the creation of their own Innovative Project.

Learn more at the webpage below, and stay tuned for the application opening in the next coming weeks.

Learn more about the YWC!



NSWA WATERSHED WEDNESDAY
NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WEBINAR SERIES:
WATERSHED ALLIANCE FALL 2023

How Healthy is the River?

A Look Inside the WaterSHED Monitoring Program

With speakers: **Mike Christensen**
and **Dr. Craig Emmerton**

DECEMBER 6TH
12:00 - 1:00 MST

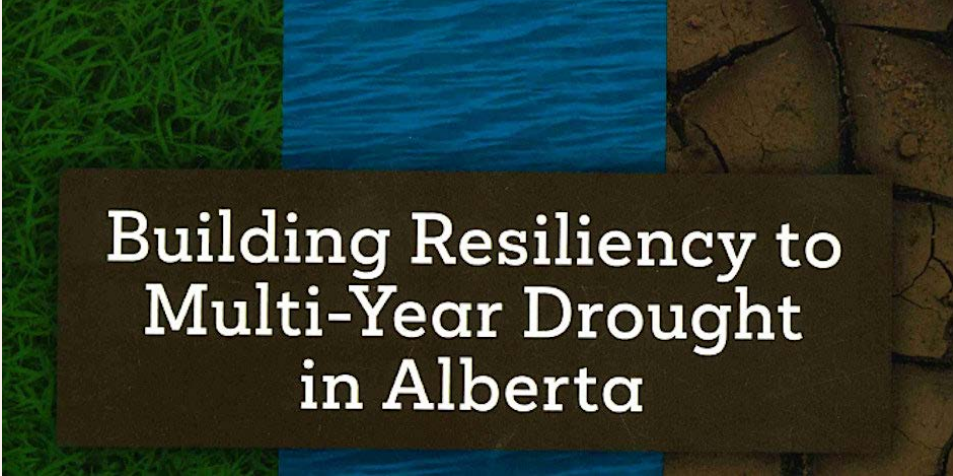
Our final fall Watershed Wednesday Webinar is happening on December 6th! Join us over the noon hour to discover more about our watershed work with our excellent line-up of speakers.

The upcoming December 6th webinar will feature presentations from experts on the WaterSHED Monitoring program.

This collaborative project features 20 monitoring stations from the headwaters of the North Saskatchewan River to the Saskatchewan Border. Craig Emmerton will be providing an overview of the technical aspects of this tributary monitoring network and discussing what the data has revealed about the watershed's health since the project's inception in 2018. Next, Mike Christenson will present on EPCOR's involvement in the project. This program is helping us answer the question: ***How Healthy is the River?*** and we hope you enjoy learning more about it.

For more information and to register, check out the Eventbrite link.

REGISTER HERE



Building Resiliency to Multi-Year Drought in Alberta

Join us for our second Drought Management Workshop!

January 26, 2023 - Blackfalds Community Centre

Time: 10 am - 3:30 pm MST

Drought is an ongoing challenge faced by many communities in Alberta. We can expect that multi-year droughts will continue, but we can improve our resilience by increasing knowledge and sharing resources. **Join us for a workshop to get started on drought management, build community resilience, and learn from the experiences of community members who have survived droughts.**



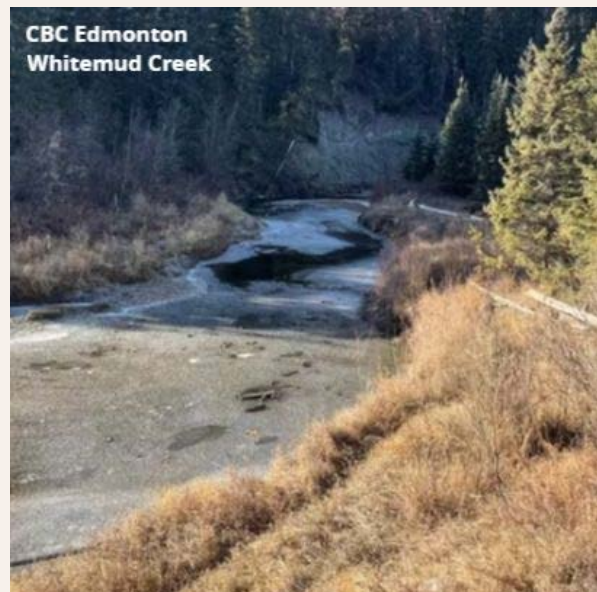
What to expect

- Regional water shortage information
- Lessons learned from previous droughts in Alberta
- Current information, tools and resources
- Resources for communities before, during and after a multi-year drought

Municipal CAO's, Council Members, Agriculture Services & other municipal staff working on drought mitigation measures, government reps & other organizations are welcome!

[Register Here!](#)

A recent CBC article highlighted how drought impacts our watershed's smaller creeks and tributaries. Check out NSWA's Senior Watershed Coordinator, Mary Ellen's comments to CBC on the current water shortage advisories for the Clearwater River, Sturgeon River, Whitemud and Blackmud Creeks. She talks about the impacts of low stream levels on aquatic life. Link below for the full article!



CBC Article

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Rural Municipalities of Alberta Conference November 7th, 2023

The exciting opportunities and organizations supporting Alberta's rural communities were on full display at RMA's fall conference. We stood alongside our fellow watershed councils and promoted some of our exciting joint projects, like our Drought Management workshops.

Thank you for having us, [Rural Municipalities of Alberta](#), and to Red Deer River Watershed Alliance, Battle River Watershed Alliance and Lesser Slave Watershed Council for joining us!

Read Our Latest Blog!

Stream of Consciousness: How Biologist Lorne Fitch Continues to Raise the Public's View of Conservation After Five Decades in the Field



“Who can resist the yawn of a lion, a timber wolf howling on a snowy ridge, or a dappled whitetail deer fawn nestled in tall grass? But unless we connect that lion, wolf or deer to place, the place may not remain to sustain the individual.”

-Lorne Fitch, *Streams of Consciousness*

With a focus on biodiversity this month, we sat down with Lorne Fitch to discuss his new book. *Streams of Consequence: Dispatches from the Conservation World* is Fitch's collection of stories and essays based on a fifty-year career as a fish and wildlife biologist. His style is reminiscent of earlier conservation writers such as Wallace Stegner, Aldo Leopold, with traces of Edward Abbey's piercing honesty.

Learn more, and read the blog at the link below!

[READ MORE](#)



Several new parks and bridges have opened in the Edmonton River Valley including the new [Smith Crossing bridge](#) located in the Whitemud creek area. Check it out!

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