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Wascana-Upper Qu'Appelle Agri-Environmental Group Plan (AEGP)

Under Growing Forward 2, The Wascana-Upper Qu'Appelle AEGP brings together the former Lanigan-Manitou, Lewis Creek (Last Mountain Lake) and Wascana-Buffalo Pound AEGPs.

Our purpose is to provide education and awareness about watershed and environmental issues to producers and the general public.

The AEGP also assists area producers to access cost- shared funding for environmental project funding through Growing Forward 2.

The AEGP would like to thank the following Steering Committee members for their time, knowledge and dedication.

Wayne Morrison, Davidson, SK (Chair)
Heath Tallentire, Earl Grey, SK
William (Bob) Wilson, Sifton, SK
Cameron Foulston, Tugaske, SK
Claudette Halladay, Marquis, SK
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Cost Shared Funding Available

Cost shared funding for Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) is now available through the Wascana Upper Qu'Appelle Agri-Environmental Group.

Please see page 2 for the listing of the various BMPs available to producers who live within the AEGP's boundaries.

For further information on what kind of projects you can do with or without an Environmental Farm Plan certificate (EFP), or to apply for funding, please contact

Colleen Fennig at (306) 946-6533 or email: aegp@wuqwatr.ca.

This service is free.

For more information online about Growing Forward 2, the Farm Stewardship Program and the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program please visit:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/growingforward2>.

Cost Shared Funding Available Through the Wascana-Upper Qu'Appelle Agri-Environmental Group Plan

BMPs through the Farm Stewardship Program (FSP)	Cost-shared Amounts
Relocation of Livestock Confinement Facilities	60% up to \$50,000
Fencing to Protect Surface Water	50% up to \$10,000
Farmyard Run-off Control	50% up to \$10,000
Protecting Riparian Areas	75% up to \$50,000
Stream and Creek Crossings	50% up to \$20,000
Variable Rate Fertilizer Technology	30% up to \$7,500
The following BMPs require an EFP	
Irrigation Management Planning	50% up to \$2000
Irrigation Equipment Modification	30% up to \$10,000
Protecting High risk Erodible and Saline Soils	50% up to \$5000
Shelterbelt Establishment	\$600/mi up to \$5000
Manure Storage Enhancement	30% up to \$50,000
Manure Application Equipment and Technologies	30% up to \$30,000

Beneficial Management Practices through FRWIP	Cost-shared Amounts
Small and Large Diameter Wells	50%*
Shallow buried pasture pipelines	50%*
Deep buried pipelines	50%*
Dugouts and dugout expansions	50%*
Relocation of existing livestock watering systems for environmental purposes	50%*
Protecting existing wells	50%*
Decommissioning wells	90%*
*maximum rebate an applicant can receive for all projects combined is \$60,000 with the exception of the costs associated with well decommissioning.	

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Wascana-Upper Qu'Appelle AEGP Up Coming Events

The following free workshops are being hosted by the Wascana-Upper Qu'Appelle Agri-Environmental Group Plan, Verified Beef Production and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture.

To register, call Colleen at (306) 946-6533 (email: aegp@wuqwatr.ca).

Lanigan (Heritage Centre, Highway 16) February 24, 2014 1—5 p.m.

- ◆ Beef and Forage Research Update—*Dr. Paul Jefferson, Western Beef Development Centre*
- ◆ Provincial Forage Quality Survey—What it means for you— *Ministry of Agriculture*
- ◆ New(er) Forage Varieties— *Ministry of Agriculture*
- ◆ Wascana-Upper Qu'Appelle AEGP and GF2— *Colleen Fennig, AEGP Technical Advisor*
- ◆ Verified Beef Production: On Farm Food Safety Workshop (Producer Direct Equipment Funding and Food Safety Management Practices Overview) — *Saskatchewan VBP Working Group Inc.*

Watrous (Heritage Room, Civic Centre) February 26, 2014 1—5 p.m.

- ◆ Beef and Forage Research Update— *Dr. Paul Jefferson, Western Beef Development Centre*
- ◆ Provincial Forage Quality Survey—What it means for you— *Ministry of Agriculture*
- ◆ New(er) Forage Varieties— *Ministry of Agriculture*
- ◆ Wascana-Upper Qu'Appelle AEGP and GF2— *Colleen Fennig, AEGP Technical Advisor*
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Craik (Legion Hall) March 3, 2014 1—5 p.m.

- ◆ Introduction to Livestock Price Insurance— *speaker T.B.D*
- ◆ Non-bloating Legumes— *Ministry of Agriculture*
- ◆ Insect Scouting— *Ministry of Agriculture*
- ◆ Wascana-Upper Qu'Appelle AEGP and GF2— *Colleen Fennig, AEGP Technical Advisor*
- ◆ Verified Beef Production: On Farm Food Safety Workshop (Producer Direct Equipment Funding and Food Safety Management Practices Overview)— *Saskatchewan VBP Working Group Inc.*



Strasbourg (Wildlife Hall) March 5, 2014 1—5 p.m.

- ◆ Forages for Saline Areas— *Laura Hoimyer, Saskatchewan Forage Council*
- ◆ Provincial Forage Quality Survey—What it means for you— *Ministry of Agriculture*
- ◆ New(er) Forage Varieties— *Ministry of Agriculture*
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Groundwater and Well Decommissioning

Residents of 62 communities (towns, villages, hamlets, resort communities) and most farm households in our watershed rely on groundwater wells for their domestic water supplies.

Existing wells need protection, and unused wells should be properly decommissioned

There are two main ways people can protect groundwater. The first is by conservation and using water resources wisely.

The second is preventing contamination. While natural contamination such as heavy metals cannot be controlled, there are many human causes of contamination.

These include improper use, storage and disposal of chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides and manure; poor site location of wells, inadequate maintenance or protection of wellheads; and improper installation and/or care of septic systems.

For more information on how to protect your well, or on programs to assist in decommissioning unused wells go www.wugwatr.ca

Cost shared funding for well protection and well decommissioning is available through the Farm and Ranch water Supply Program (FRWIP)

Please see more at: <http://www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GF2-FRWIP>

We can help you with your application.

The Water Security Agency maintains on line mapping of well locations in Saskatchewan. To locate well records you can go to wsask.ca and click on Water Info.



RM Colonsay well decommissioning

Groundwater is an essential and vital resource for about a quarter of all Canadians. It is their sole source of water for drinking and washing, for farming and manufacturing, indeed, for all their daily water needs. Yet for the majority of Canadians -- those who do not depend on it -- groundwater is a hidden resource whose value is not well understood.

Invasive Plant Control Program

The Invasive Plant Control Program is designed to help producers, rural municipalities, First Nations, and stakeholders to deal with weeds listed as Prohibited Weeds under the *Weed Control Act* as well as certain noxious weed such as yellow toadflax, leafy spurge, common tansy and Russian knapweed.

This program provides rebates for 100% chemical costs for public land and 50% for private land. Criteria for funding include having a weed inspector and having an approved comprehensive weed management plan.

For more information on this program and the required conditions to access funding please visit: <http://sarm.ca/programs/administered-programs/invasive-plant/>.

The AEGP is willing to assist RMs within our boundaries in the creation of a weed management plan and raising rate payer awareness of invasive weeds.

To download a copy of the Weed Control Act for Saskatchewan please visit the following site:

<http://www.publications.gov.sk.ca/details.cfm?p=31364>

The Weed Control Act also includes the following schedules.

- Schedule I - Prohibited Weeds
- Schedule II - Noxious Weeds
- Schedule III - Nuisance Weeds



A **watershed** or **catchment basin** is the region of land that drains into a specific **body of water**, such as a **river, lake, sea, or ocean**. It is the entire geographical area characterized by all runoff being conveyed to the same outlet.

Watersheds in SASK

Assiniboine Watershed Stewardship Association (AWSA)

Carrot River Valley Watershed Assoc (CRVWA)

Lower Souris River Watershed (LSRW)

Moose Jaw River Watershed (MJRW)

North Saskatchewan River Basin Council (NSRBC)

South Saskatchewan River Watershed (SSRW)

Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards (SCCWS)

Upper Qu'Appelle River and Wascana Creek Watershed (WUQWATR)

Upper Souris River Watershed (USRW)

Lower Qu'Appelle Watershed Stewards (LQWS)

in the planning process
Old Wives Lake Watershed

SAW Conference – March 19-21, 2014

The 2014 Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds Annual Conference is taking place at the Saskatoon Inn on Wednesday March 19 to Friday March 21, 2014.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet on a provincial scale to discuss source water protection

and management issues. The conference provides an opportunity for members and stakeholders to share information and learn from each other's successes and challenges.

The conference theme this year is *The Future of Water Management in Saskatchewan* and the agenda includes a wide range of discussions

about how Saskatchewan people can get involved in water management issues.

For further information please visit the website at http://www.saskwatersheds.ca/mri_files/2014_SAW_SCDASponsorship_Form.pdf

Or contact Duane Haave at info@wuqwatr.ca

2014 Art Poster Contest

The Watershed Stewardship Groups of Saskatchewan are sponsoring a provincial art contest for Grade 5, 6 and 7 students.

This year's theme is "Groundwater – Below the Surface".

Hand drawn entries that depict the importance of groundwater will be accepted on an 8 1/2 x 11 size paper.

The entry deadline is March 7, 2014. Contest entry forms and details can be found on www.wuqwatr.ca

First, second and third prizes will be awarded, and the first prize winner in our watershed will advance to the Provincial final.

WUQWATR is also holding a junior art contest for students in Grades 3 and 4

on the theme of "Healthy Watersheds" with the same deadline of March 7, 2014. The winner of this contest does not qualify for the provincial prize.

Entries should be mailed to WUQWATR, Box 965, Regina, SK S4P 3B2 for more information call 306 757-1704.

Wascana Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting

The Wascana Watershed Advisory Committee meeting is planned for Tuesday February 18th, 2014 starting at 5:30 PM.

The meeting will be held at the Regina Floral Conservatory, 1450 4th Ave, Regina.

A light meal will be served for those in attendance.

Duane Haave, General Manager of WUQWATR will be doing a presentation on Riparian Health Assessment.

Anyone who resides in the Wascana watershed area is welcome to attend.

Please contact the WUQWATR office at info@wuqwatr.ca for further information, or to confirm attendance.

We will need to have the final attendance numbers no later than Friday February 14, 2014, in order to plan the meal.

WUQWATR

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There is currently one vacancy on the WUQWATR Board.

The Upper Qu'Appelle watershed has a vacancy for a member representing an urban municipality (resort, village or town). For more information, please contact Claudette Halladay at (306) 787-4514 or call the WUQWATR office at (306)757-1704

Board members require the nomination of a member municipality, and do not have to serve as a councillor.

WUQWATR Board of Directors

Wascana Watershed:

Fred Clipsham, Urban
Jim Elliott, Associate
David Sloan, Rural

Upper Qu'Appelle:

Claudette Halladay, Rural
Sandra Bathgate, Associate
Urban – Vacant

Last Mountain Lake:

Geoff Merifield, Urban
Ernie Oblander, Associate
Gary Dixon, Rural

Lanigan Manitou:

Tim Davies, Associate
Rod Halyk, Urban
Don Bowman, Rural

Officers of WUQWATR:

Fred Clipsham, Chair
Rod Halyk, Vice Chair
Jim Elliot, Secretary
Tim Davies, Treasurer

WUQWATR would like to thank our 2013 members for their support

Rural Municipalities: Moose Jaw 161, Wreford 280, Marquis 191, McKillop 220, Eyebrow 193, Longlaketon 219, Leroy 339, Francis 127, Morris 312, Osborne 310, Humboldt 370, Prairie Rose 309, Huron 223, Colonsay 342, Edenwold 158,

Lumsden 189
Cities, Towns, Villages & Resort Villages: Regina, Humboldt, Imperial, Raymore, Lumsden, Davidson, Pilot Butte, Sedley, Eyebrow, Brownlee, Vibank, Kannata Valley, Manitou Beach, Sun Valley, Sask. Beach, Alice

Beach, Central Butte
Associate Members: Potash Corp of Sask, Buffalo Pound Water Treatment Plant, Wascana Centre Authority, Wascana C&D, Nature Regina, K+S Potash Canada, Last Mountain Lake Stewardship Group, Mosaic Potash

GROUNDWATER - Below The Surface



Local Prize package for **Top 3** entries.

The 1st Place local poster will be judged at the provincial conference for a chance to win the

PROVINCIAL GRAND PRIZE

Outdoor Sport Pkg valued at \$1000 (Courtesy of the Sask Watersheds)



Wascana Upper Qu'Appelle Watersheds Association Taking Responsibility

Grade 5 - 7 Students

Create a poster using the theme **Groundwater-Below the Surface** to win great prizes.

Poster must be on a single white page 8 1/2" x11" & must be 100% hand drawn

Mail entries to
WUQWATR Box 965
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www.wuqwatr.ca
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or
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Entry deadline is March 7, 2014

We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.wuqwatr.ca