



## Water Shortages Continue: A Year Later

The Battle River watershed remains under provincial water shortage advisories, one year after they were first announced. Much of the Battle River Watershed is estimated to yield 10.6 percent below the 5-year average in the region. Due to the continued state of drought, drought resiliency efforts and conversations have been more important than ever.

[Read our blog](#)







## RiparianCare

Thank you to all the landowners who are investing in riparian restoration through the RiparianCARE program. A special shoutout to Terry Vockeroth, local producer and BRWA board member, for the project he completed, the time and money he contributed to install an off-site watering and fencing along the Battle River that will enhance flood and drought resiliency.

[RiparianCARE program](#)

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## Workshops & Events - Join Us



### April 11th, 2025, Battle River and Sounding Creek Stewardship Community of Practice

Location: BRWA Office, Camrose

Time: 9am - 3pm

BRWA is hosting an in-person gathering of the Battle River and Sounding Creek Stewardship Community of Practice.

[Register at Eventbrite](#)

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## In the Classroom - Calling Educators & Learners



## That's A Wrap on Fall Field Trips

We finished the first round of field trips for the new school year. We have limited spots left for the spring, so book now while you still can!



The available programs are:

- Waste in Our Watershed Tour (Gr. 4)
- Discover Your Wetlands (Gr. 5)
- Habitat Tour (Gr. 6)
- X-Stream Science (Gr. 7-12)

[Request a Spring Field Trip](#) | [Book a Caring For Our Watersheds Presentation](#)

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## The Alliance



As many of you know the Battle River Watershed Alliance is a designated Watershed Planning and Advisory Council (WPAC) and a member of the Alberta Water Council under Water for Life: Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability.

We are one of many partner groups that collaborate with the Alberta Water Council in support of its vision to have all Albertans working together to ensure safe, healthy and abundant water for future generations. With thanks to Alan Corbett, our Board Co-chair, the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds are well represented. Alan has taken on the role of WPAC Representative on the Alberta Water Council for the next two years.

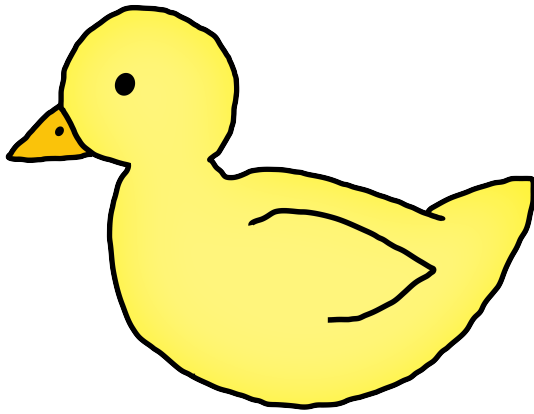
A Water for Life Celebration was hosted at the QEII Building at the Alberta Legislature with presentations recognizing the work of partner groups including WPACs and the Land Stewardship Centre. Special thanks to Meghan Payne from the Lesser Slave Watershed Council for sharing WPAC achievements over the last 20 years.

[WPAC Summary Report 2023-24](#) | [Alberta Water Council](#)

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**2024 OTIS Award Nominations  
Now Open!**





The Outstanding In Stewardship (OTIS) Award recognizes individuals, agricultural initiatives, businesses and organizations, and youth in the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds who are outstanding in stewardship.

Deadline: March 31, 2025

[Nominate a Local Steward](#)

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# The State of Canada's Birds



## The State Of Canada's Birds Report 2024

On October 8th, the State of Canada's Birds 2024 Report was published by Birds Canada and Environment and Climate Change Canada. This report looks into birds population trends across Canada and discovered that many kinds of birds have decreased in their numbers since 1970.

[Explore the Data](#)

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## Alberta Nature Strategy Survey

The Government of Alberta has released a survey soliciting public feedback on the creation of an Alberta Nature Strategy. This is an opportunity for you to provide feedback on how nature is conserved and managed in Alberta for current and future generations.



Deadline: November 7, 2024

[Fill out the Survey](#)

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## Partner Events

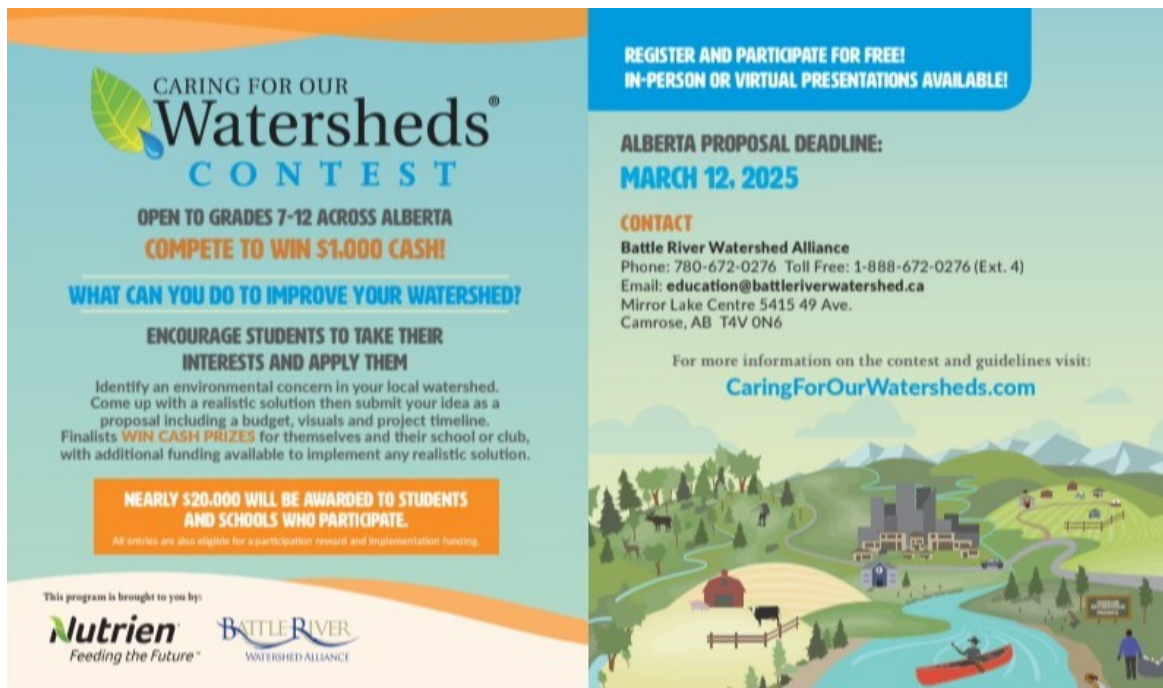
- Book Launch for Lorne Fitch's *Travels Up the Creek* at Fox & Fable on November 9, 2024
- [Working Well Workshop - Red Deer County, November 13](#)
- [Working Well Workshop - Ponoka County, November 14](#)
- [EFP Workshop in Stettler, November 14](#)
- [Water Week Workshop: Understanding and Assessing Risks to Drinking Water Sources using The Healthy River Ecosystem Assessment System™ \(THREATS\) - November 12](#)

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## In Other News

- [Alberta UCP to vote on celebrating CO2, abandoning net-zero targets](#)
  - [Here's how to remove some persistent pollutants from your drinking water at home](#)
  - ['We all live in a watershed': How the Anthropocene is changing the elements — and us](#)
  - [Experts hopeful Ponoka County moisture levels will recover over winter](#)
  - [Cutting wait times for water permits](#)
  - [Better community drought and flood protection, Deadline for funds November 29](#)
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**MARCH 12, 2025**

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For more information on the contest and guidelines visit:  
[CaringForOurWatersheds.com](http://CaringForOurWatersheds.com)

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