


What is a Watershed?

A watershed is an area of land that drains to a given river stream or watercourse.

Much like this leaf, it is a natural unit of nature



What are Watershed Plans?

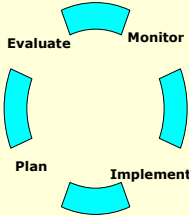
It is about us looking at our watershed – identifying the threats to our way of life

The **health** of the watershed must be a priority and will be guided by the plan

Describe **actions** to be taken in the watershed, to **protect** and/or **restore** the **water** and other **natural resources**


Why Plan?

- Chart a course, set priorities and meet goals.
- Look to the future.
- Communicate your actions.
- Ensure that local and provincial priorities are incorporated.
- Attract funding partners.
- Efficiently use money and time.
- Target Actions
- Check up for the Watershed



What is IWMP?

An Integrated Watershed Management Plan is: a process to 1) understand the impacts of human activity on the watershed and 2) to create a framework to make decisions with regard to water and land use.

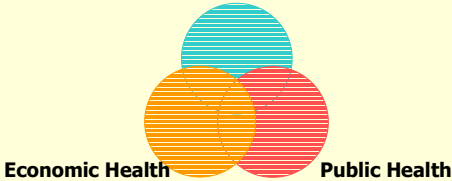


An IWMP is to be prepared by, and for the benefit of, all watershed residents and stakeholders.

Consists of:

1. State of the Watershed Report
2. Drinking Source Water Protection Plan

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Purpose of IWMP

- Planned and coordinated delivery of watershed management programs.
- State of the Watershed Report is the basis to monitor programs and watershed health.
- Inform about sustainable land use in the watershed and promote a sense of watershed community.
- Encourage participation by all watershed stakeholders
- Provide CD Boards with goals and priorities to help justify the need for targeted, measurable watershed programs.
- Help other community NGO's set program strategies in an overall planned watershed approach.

IWMP Core Concepts

- Integrated Watershed Management Plan
- State of the watershed
- Source water protection
- Public engagement and consultation



What's Happening?

The Upper Assiniboine River, Lake of the Prairies and Little Saskatchewan River Conservation Districts have formed four Water Planning Authorities (WPA) under The Water Protection Act

The WPA's are facilitating the preparation of **four** Integrated Watershed Management Plans (IWMP's) in the Assiniboine River basin:

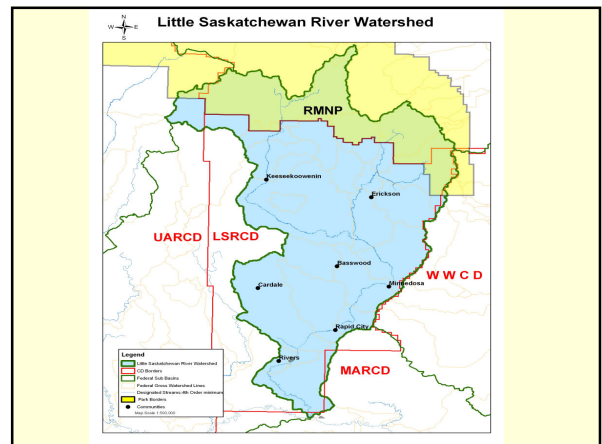
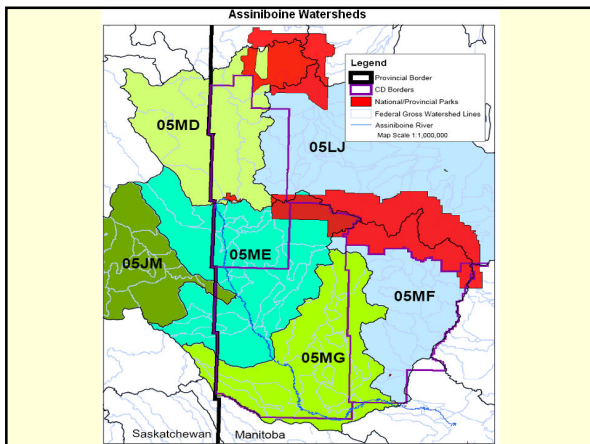
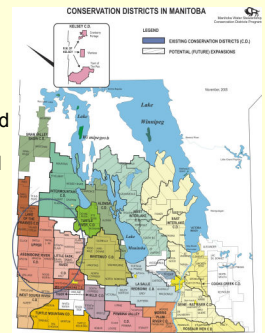
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- Arrow/Oak
- Little Saskatchewan River

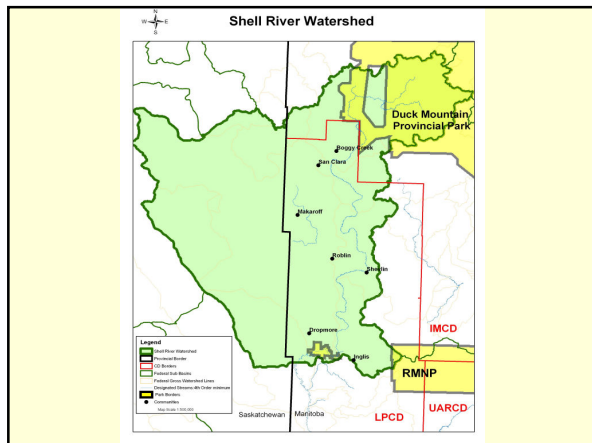
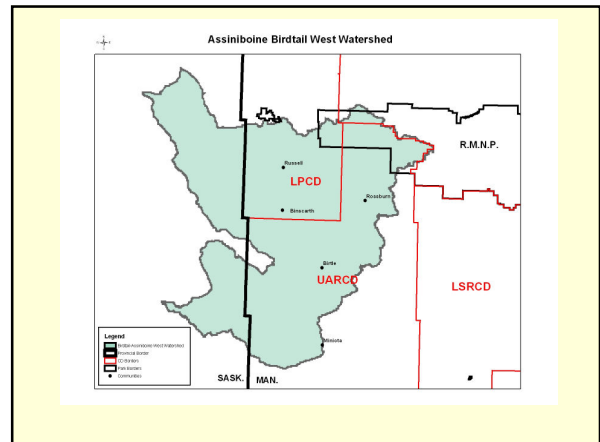
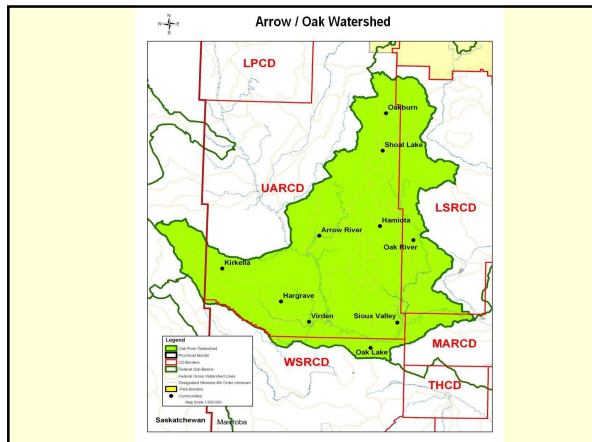


Conservation Districts

Why CD's?


- CD's have decades of resource management experience
- CD Mandate: sustainable land and water planning and programming on a watershed basis
- CD's will implement some of the action items identified in the IWMP.





Who Speaks for the Watershed?

- The Plans are being prepared by you and for you
- The Planning Process should bring us as a community together
- The preferred watershed voice goes beyond just RM or CD representation



WATERSHED PLANNING ADVISORY TEAM (WPAT)

WPAT is comprised of key watershed group representatives and technical resource experts.

The WPAT will:

- guide the watershed planning process;
- be responsible for input to the watershed plan;
- engage the greater watershed community;
- report progress to the Project Management Team

It's your watershed-let the plan reflect what matters to you.

WPAT Responsibilities

- Guide State of Watershed Report and Watershed Report Card
- Develop Watershed Mission and Vision
- Guide developing and targeting programs
- Guide prioritization of watershed issues

Invited WPAT Members

Province of Manitoba – *Water Stewardship, Agriculture, Health, Highways, Conservation, MHHC, others*
 Rural Municipalities
 Towns / Villages
 Conservation Districts
 Planning Districts
 Federal Agencies – *Riding Mountain National Park, DFO, EC, PFRA*
 Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) – *Keystone Agricultural Producers, Manitoba Pork Council, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Prairie Mixed-Grass Stewardship Program, local agricultural, environmental and conservation groups*
 First Nations
 Landowners Associations
 Local Schools
 Business/Industry
 Citizen Groups
 Academic institutions – ACC, BU, U of M (NRI)

NB: Please let us know if we missed a group

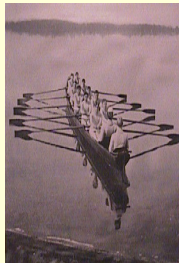
PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM (PMT)

The Project Management Team will:

- manage the preparation of integrated watershed plans for the four watersheds;
- report plan progress to the respective CD's, WPAT and Manitoba Water Stewardship;
- manage the IWMP budget
- ensure that the *Water Protection Act* and the *Conservation Districts Act* are recognized and adhered to in the plan's preparation.

Meet the Project Management Team

Robbie Craig (UARCD)
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 Geordie Daneliuk (LPCD)
 Ron Turetsky (LPCD)
 Ed MacKay (LSRCD)
 John Whitaker (LSRCD)
 Ryan Canart (UARCD Mgr.)
 Andrea Heide (LPCD Mgr.)
 Colleen Cuvelier (LSRCD Mgr.)
 Sheldon Kowalchuk (MWS)



DELIVERABLE/TASK	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETION	DATE STARTED	DATE COMPLETED
Establish WPA	Province of Manitoba	May, 2006	May, 2006
Develop Plan Terms of Reference	WPA and Province of Manitoba	May, 2006	May, 2006
Gather State of Watershed/Tech Info and WPA Review of Info	Province of Manitoba	2006	2006
Public Consult – Comment On & Identify Watershed Issues	WPA	2006/2007	2006/2007
WPA Assemble Draft Plan including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission/Vision • Goals/Objectives • State of the Watershed • Watershed health report card • Source water protection plan • Public consultation • Summary of issues • Prioritization of issues • Watershed action plan • Business plan (5-year) • Watershed management plan review • Monitoring the plan • Evaluation of actions 	WPA and Province of Manitoba		
Public Consult – Comment on Draft Plan	WPA	2007/2008	2007/2008
Assemble Final Plan	WPA and Province of Manitoba	2008	2008
Provincial Approval of Final Plan	Province of Manitoba	2008	2008
Distribute Final Plan	WPA	2008	2008
Implement and Monitor Plan	WPA	By April 2009	

December 2006

- **WPAT kickoff meeting** -process direction
- compile State of the Watershed data

January 2006

- draft the State of the Watershed Reports
- draft the Watershed Report Cards

February 2006

- **WPAT meeting** -review of State of the Watershed Report
- communications strategy to engage the watershed community

March 2006

- public consultations

April 2006

- **WPAT meeting** -review outcomes of public consultations and developing/targeting programs

Tasks on the Horizon

Public Participation

- Identify local watershed issues.
- Prioritize issues identified by WPAT.
- This process will educate the public on watershed issues and sustainable resource management practices.
- WPAT will review outcomes of public consultations.



Budget and Funding Sources

\$267,500 In-Kind Costs
\$107,700 Hard Costs
\$375,200 Total Budget



- 1. Funding from Manitoba Water Stewardship:**
\$25,000 for each watershed * four watersheds=
\$100,000 Total
- 2. Conservation District Funding**
\$7,700
- 3. Other Agency Funding**
TBA

Plan Implementation

WHAT?

- Recommendations from WPAT
 - action items
 - partnerships
 - funding sources



WHO?

- Not only CD's, other options include
 - RM's
 - Provincial Departments
 - Non-governmental organizations (i.e. Ducks Unlimited Canada)
 - Local groups

Plan Implementation cont'd

EAEP program dollars on the landscape this spring:

- EAEP-Implementation of BMP's
- WPA's partnering with Province (MAFRI) and Federal Government (PFRA)
- Funding for specific environmentally friendly agricultural practices
- Program is watershed-based

"Coming together is a beginning.

Keeping together is progress.

Working together is success."

Questions?

Now lets get to work!

Items of Discussion:

- Structure of WPAT-whole, # locations
- Future meetings (content and dates)
- Communication plan
- State of Watershed report
- Source water protection plan
- Watershed Report Card