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2014 WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM REPORT

Grant #15GRSSR01 | Grant Recipients and Projects by Watershed

Water

It is not only a resource, it is a life source.

We all share the responsibility to ensure a healthy, secure and sustainable water supply for our communities, environment, and economy – our quality of life depends on it.

As Albertans, and stewards of this precious resource, it is our collective duty to ensure:

- Safe, secure drinking water,
- Healthy aquatic ecosystems, and
- Reliable, quality water supplies for a sustainable economy.

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We also recognize the partner organizations which have contributed to the collective success of this program. Without their involvement the range of stewardship projects undertaken would not be possible.

Finally, we extend our appreciation to all of the committed, community-based watershed stewardship groups and volunteers who devote so much time, effort and expertise to improving the health of Alberta watersheds and the quality of our water.

Watershed Stewardship Grant Review Committee

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Message from the Committee Chair

On behalf of the Watershed Stewardship Grant Review Committee and Land Stewardship Centre, I am pleased to submit this final report for the 2014 Watershed Stewardship Grant Program.

The Watershed Stewardship Grant Program has been investing in local watershed stewardship initiatives in Alberta since 2006. Over the years, we have observed a growing level of sophistication with the projects and improved capacity of community stewardship groups to implement these projects with the funding support provided by the Watershed Stewardship Grant. This improved capacity is further evident in the sustained increase in leveraging of these funds in every grant cycle since the funding program's launch.

Direct investment in community stewardship groups and their on-the-ground projects is also resulting in strengthened connections and working relationships between stewardship groups, Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils, municipalities and non-government organizations.

As the administrator of this fund, Land Stewardship Centre realizes the important role the Water Stewardship Grant has played in initiating new stewardship action and in sustaining ongoing community-based activities throughout the province. Recognition of the importance of the grant however, is best expressed through the words of the many hard working grant recipients:

"The importance of the Watershed Stewardship Grant cannot be overstated. This funding has provided the opportunity to have a consistent and thorough program throughout the summer to physically remove all of the invasive plants."

Don Davidson, Program Organizer, Love the Lake

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Monika Benoit, Extension Coordinator, Peace Country Beef and Forage Association

We wish to express our appreciation to all the members and supporters of watershed stewardship groups for their hard work, significant efforts and meaningful achievements that are contributing directly to preserving, protecting and effectively managing the province's water resources.

Thank you again to the Government of Alberta and Alberta Environment and Parks for your ongoing support of community-based stewardship in Alberta. Your continued investment in the Watershed Stewardship Grant Program reaffirms Alberta's commitment to the *Water for Life* approach: the wise management of our province's water resources for the benefit of all Albertans.



Mike Murray, Chair

Highlights of the 2014 Granting Period

This report provides an overview of all projects associated with the 2014 Watershed Stewardship Grant Program, made possible with the \$150,000 grant from Alberta Environment and Parks (Grant #15GRSSR01).

The main objective of this grant funding is to assist watershed stewardship groups to develop and deliver community-based projects and initiatives that contribute to achieving the three goals of *Water for Life: Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability*:

- Safe, secure drinking water supply,
- Healthy aquatic ecosystems,
- Reliable, quality water supplies for a sustainable economy.

To accomplish this, funding recipients directed their efforts to developing and delivering projects focusing on one or several of the following areas:

1. **Awareness and Knowledge** – activities that increase the awareness and understanding of local watershed issues.
2. **Tool Building** – activities that help develop tools to demonstrate, test or display watershed best management practices.
3. **Team Building** – activities that help build membership and organizational capacity to take on team tasks.
4. **Biophysical and Social Monitoring** – activities that measure environmental and social indicators of watershed health.
5. **Community-Based Action** – physical, on-the-ground activities to improve the condition of the local watershed.

Groups with legal status, such as a registered society, were eligible for direct funding. Groups without legal status were permitted to apply for project funding, with the understanding that funds would be issued and dispersed in partnership with an approved legal entity, such as a municipality or WPAC. Eligible groups applied to receive up to \$10,000 for projects that sought to raise awareness of local watershed issues or improve the quality of their local watershed.

In total, the Watershed Stewardship Grant Committee reviewed 30 applications received from stewardship groups across the province. Of the 30 submitted proposals, 20 projects within 10 different watersheds were ultimately selected to receive funding. The total funding request for eligible projects was \$236,865. The total grant funding available, \$125,000, was approved for allocation to the selected successful applicants.

All projects approved by the WSG Committee varied widely in aspiration, intent, scale and scope which speaks to the diversity of needs and the creative approach watershed stewardship groups use to meet these needs.

Thirteen of the 20 approved grant recipients completed work as described in their project applications. Seven funding recipients (Baptiste and Island Lakes Stewardship Society, Castle Crown Wilderness Coalition, Clear Water Landcare, Moose Lake Watershed Society, Sylvan Lake Watershed Stewardship Society, West-Central Forage Association and Wabamun Watershed Management Council) were either able to complete their projects under budget or they experienced delays in the implementation of their projects which affected their ability to complete their projects as originally proposed.

As part of each project grant agreement, grant recipients were required to submit an interim report outlining their progress, as well as a final report detailing project status, impacts and financial information.

In addition to the results achieved by each of the funding recipients, it is important to note that over the past nine years and 10 grant cycles of the Watershed Stewardship Grant Program, recipients have, on average been able to leverage funds by a ratio of four-to-one. This past year was no exception with leveraging at a ratio of nearly six-to-one.

Complete project reports and their associated financial records from funding recipients are on file at the LSC office.

Geographical Distribution

Projects selected to receive funding were located in ten of Alberta's eleven watersheds. The majority of the funded projects were located in the Athabasca, Bow, North Saskatchewan, Oldman and Red Deer watersheds (Figure 1).

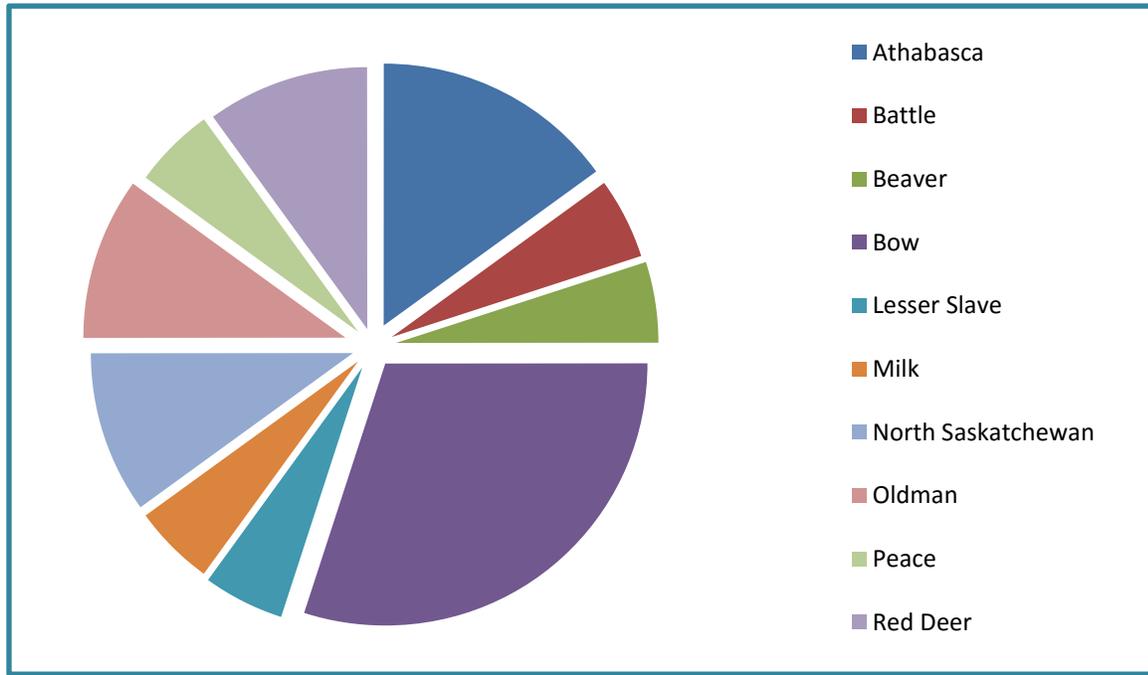


Figure 1. Distribution of funded projects within Alberta's watersheds in 2014.

2014 Project Summary

In total, 20 stewardship projects were initially funded. All projects generated extensive partnerships between groups, community organizations, municipalities and other provincial organizations resulting in substantial leveraging and synergy. During the 2014 cycle:

- 20 projects involved building awareness and knowledge and activities varied from attending local events to developing educational videos.
- 15 projects focused on developing tools to improve the effectiveness of watershed stewardship efforts.
- 10 projects incorporated team building components intended to increase membership and build capacity.
- 16 projects involved dimensions of social and biophysical monitoring such as water quality monitoring and riparian assessments.
- 15 projects concentrated efforts on community-based action to improve local watersheds through hands-on events such as shoreline clean-ups.

Financial Overview

\$150,000 from grant 15GRSSR01 was allocated to the 2014 grant program. In 2014, a total of \$114,207.29 was spent on projects, \$25,000 was allocated to WSG Program administration, and \$10,792.71 was returned by grantees. A request was made in June 2015 to have \$10,792.71 in returned funds be redistributed in the Fall 2015 Grant round where they will be distributed and reported on accordingly.

Grant recipients continue to do an excellent job leveraging WSG funds to support their efforts. Figure 2 illustrates how funding recipients generated nearly six-to-one leveraging of the Watershed Stewardship Grant funds, thereby increasing the invested value to \$647,328.87.

Refer to Appendices A, B and C for detailed financial accounts.

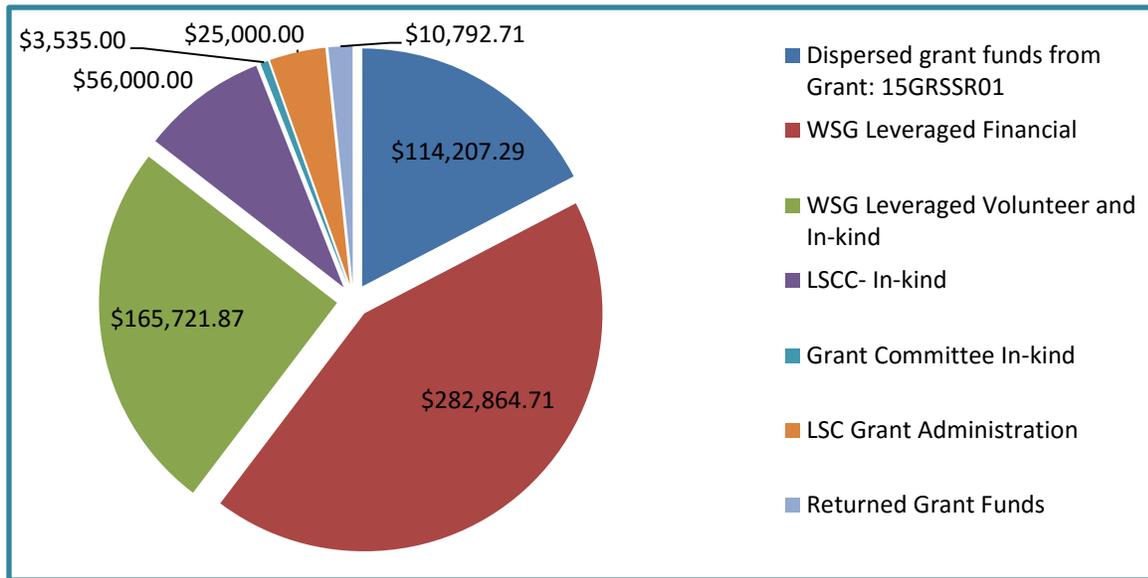


Figure 2. The value of contributions and associated leveraging achieved with 2014 Watershed Stewardship Grant Program funding.

Grant Recipients and Project Activities by Watershed

Athabasca River Watershed

The Athabasca River is the second largest river in Alberta. Originating in the Athabasca glacier of the Columbia Icefields in Jasper National Park, the river flows northeast through the province, past the urban centers of Jasper, Hinton, Whitecourt, Athabasca and Fort McMurray before emptying into Lake Athabasca. Water from the basin eventually makes its way to the Arctic Ocean. The basin covers a total area of approximately 159,000km².

Athabasca River Watershed Stewardship Groups

- Baptiste and Island Lakes Stewardship Society
- Keepers of the Athabasca
- West-Central Forage Association

Baptiste and Island Lakes Stewardship Society

Grant #: 02-BILSS-2014

Location: Athabasca County

Grant Amount: \$3,000 (returned \$750)

Total Project Value: \$3,795.26

Partners:

Summer Village of West Baptiste, Summer Village of Whispering Hills, Summer Village of South Baptiste, Summer Village of Sunset Beach, Island Lake, and Island Lake South

Project Summary:

Baptiste and Island Lakes Stewardship Society (BILSS) began phase one of developing a watershed management plan. A recent increase in construction, farming and recreational use has impacted the health of Baptiste and Island lakes, resulting in a desire to ensure the long term sustainability of the lakes. In an effort to ensure the long term sustainability, BILSS has developed terms of reference to identify who should be involved in developing a watershed management plan and establish the structure under which participants will contribute. Included in the terms of reference is an outline of the vision for the lake's watershed, which identifies the priorities, scope and scale of the management plan.

“The funding from Land Stewardship Centre was an enabling factor in our quest, without which we may yet be struggling. The funding should not over shadow the work of your Edmonton Staff; it is the guidance, understanding, and support of these folks which gave us the strength to persevere.”

Bob Yontz, President, Baptiste and Island Lakes Stewardship Society

Keepers of the Athabasca

Grant #: 10-KotA-2014

Location: Athabasca River Watershed

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Total Project Value: \$42,070

Partners:

Living Lakes Canada, Central Athabasca Stewardship Society, Alberta Lake Management Society

Project Summary:

Keepers of the Athabasca partnered with Living Lakes Canada to provide training opportunities in the upper portions of the Athabasca Watershed using the Canadian Aquatic Biomonitoring Network (CABIN) methodology. CABIN training provided the group with the tools necessary to conduct consistent, comparable and scientifically credible assessments of streams. With this project the Keepers of the Athabasca and Living Lakes Canada were able to increase the understanding of watershed health, increase the community's capacity to assess watershed health and create a watershed stewardship ethic in Upper Athabasca communities. Monitoring and sampling (water and sediment) was completed at four different monitoring sites by 12 people, and data was entered into the national CABIN database. A report on the results will be produced once Environment Canada completes a reference condition model to compare the collected data to.

“The Watershed Stewards Grant has been important to Living Lakes Canada, the Central Athabasca Stewardship Society, and the Keepers of the Athabasca as it has allowed the three organizations to work in close partnership to build the capacity of local water stewards to conduct on-the-ground water quality monitoring to better understand their watersheds.”

Donna Mendelsohn, Director and Project Manager, Keepers of the Athabasca

West-Central Forage Association

Grant #: 17-WCFA-2014

Location: Athabasca Watershed

Grant Amount: \$4,480 (Returned \$2030.05)

Total Project Value: \$3,547.45

Partners:

Cows and Fish, Local Producers, 4-H Club Leaders, Stewardship Alliance for Conservation Agriculture

Project Summary:

West-Central Forage Association (WCFA) conducted a riparian health education program with a 4H group in the west-central region, teaching members about the impact that agricultural systems can have on shoreline health and water quality. As part of this project, WCFA hosted two information session workshops and field days. Youth learned the importance of maintaining a healthy riparian area for overall watershed health and for better water quality. Youth tested water quality, assessed shoreline health and learned how to identify and manage local plant species— with a focus on reducing invasive species. Ultimately, the group believes that by teaching youth about the best management practices that protect riparian areas, and consequently the water that lies within them, they will not only discuss these practices with their families, but also put these practices into action within their own future operations. This makes regional agriculture more sustainable environmentally, agriculturally and economically for present and future generations.

“The Watershed Stewardship Grant funding enabled West-Central Forage Association to pilot the Youth Riparian Education Program. This project has enabled WCFA to better meet its strategic goals and continue to provide agriculture producers information on how to enhance environmental stewardship on the landscape.”

Carla Rhyant, Executive Director, West-Central Forage Association

Battle River Sub-Watershed

The Battle River Watershed is a sub-basin of the North Saskatchewan River Basin. The river itself extends 800 km, starting at Battle Lake in central Alberta and flowing eastward to Saskatchewan where it joins the North Saskatchewan in Battleford. Unlike most of Alberta's major rivers, the Battle River is not glacier-fed. It is a prairie-fed system. Its modest water supply comes entirely from local surface runoff, including rain and snow melt, and groundwater flows. As such, the Battle River's natural water flows are typically much lower than that of glacier-fed rivers. In total, the Battle River Watershed covers approximately 30,000 km² (83% of this area is within Alberta, the remainder in Saskatchewan).

Battle River Sub-Watershed Stewardship Groups

- Love the Lake

Love the Lake

Grant #: 12-LtL-2014

Location: Pigeon Lake

Grant Amount: \$2,850

Total Project Value: \$4,877.45

Partners:

Summer Village of Grandview

Project Summary:

Love the Lake completed its fifth year of Himalayan Balsam eradication efforts around Pigeon Lake. Over the past four years, despite the Himalayan Balsam being a very aggressive invasive plant species, Love the Lake has managed to bring this invasive species under control and significantly limited its range around the lake. Love the Lake involves members of the local community to increase awareness of not using invasive species in gardens and the importance of controlling invasive species found around the lakeshore. In the fifth year of the program the Himalayan Balsam was successfully eradicated from the riparian areas around the lake, with only minor infestation locations remaining in areas such as private gardens or upland in the watershed. The group also removed scentless chamomile, tansy, tansy ragwort and creeping bellflower. Love the Lake intends to continue the program to verify that any residual invasive plants are removed.

“The importance of the Watershed Stewardship Grant cannot be overstated. This funding has provided the opportunity to have a consistent and thorough program throughout the summer to physically remove all of the plants. . . Two significant accomplishments have been achieved: the eradication of the Himalayan Balsam from the shoreline of Pigeon Lake and the increase in awareness of invasive plants by the watershed residents.”

Don Davidson, Program Organizer, Love the Lake

Beaver River Watershed

With a catchment area of about 14,500 km² the Beaver River watershed is one of the smaller major watersheds within the province. The watershed and river extend east, across the provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, emptying into Hudson's Bay. The Beaver River begins at Beaver Lake, and then flows through the urban centers of Bonnyville, Cold Lake and Grand Centre. The basin is characterized by many meandering streams and rivers, which drain such lakes as Cold, Moose, Muriel, Ethel and Wolf.

Beaver River Watershed Stewardship Groups

- Moose Lake Watershed Society

Moose Lake Watershed Society

Grant #: 13-MLWS-2014

Location: Moose Lake Watershed

Grant Amount: \$7,500 (returned \$2,266.86)

Total Project Value: \$5,494.81

Partners:

Lakeland Agricultural Research Association, Beaver River Watershed Alliance, Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society, Municipal District of Bonnyville, Alberta Environment and Parks

Project Summary:

Moose Lake Watershed Society (MLWS) completed a handbook which includes: the history of Moose Lake; lake boundaries and information about the watershed; lake information such as water quality, tributary sampling and water quantity; bathymetric map, aerial photos, land use maps; wildlife, aviary, plant and fish biodiversity including sensitive areas; environmental and municipal reserves; as well as MLWS projects and initiatives. The handbook has enabled MLWS to actively engage the public and bring awareness to some of the issues the lake faces such as blue-green algae, zebra and quagga mussels, Himalayan Balsam and nutrient loading. Ultimately, the group wants the handbook to help increase stewardship in the watershed and encourage participation in MLWS.

“The handbook allowed us to showcase all of our previous stewardship accomplishments, demonstrate what we are doing currently and encourage people to get involved. The book allowed us to educate in an appealing fashion, allowing people to take their time to read and share with others in the community. The book allowed us to engage local decision makers (MLA, Municipal Councillor, and Mayor) which can have a large impact on our watershed.”

Kellie Nichiporik, Chair, Moose Lake Watershed Society

Bow River Sub-Watershed

The Bow River originates from Bow Glacier in Banff National Park. The basin is home to more than one million Albertans and the growing population is placing demand on a limited water supply with an uncertain future as glaciers in the region retreat. The area includes several irrigation districts and much of the water supply supports agriculture in the area. Hundreds of thousands of people also visit every year, attracted to recreational opportunities in the area.

Bow River Watershed Stewardship Groups

- Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area
- Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society
- Ghost Watershed Alliance Society
- Little Creeks and Rough Fescue Appreciation Society
- Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society
- Western Sky Land Trust

Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area

Grant #: 10-ASSCA-2014

Location: Pine Creek Watershed

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Total Project Value: \$19,476.46

Partners:

Trout Unlimited Canada, Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society, Carbon Farmers, Junior Forest Wardens- Calgary Region

Project Summary:

Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area (ASSCA) brought partners together to restore the riparian habitat health of the north and south arms of Pine Creek. The group began with a baseline study and assessment of the current state of Pine Creek. This was followed by the development of a long term restoration management plan to support riparian area restoration and improve bank stabilization, then the creation of a monitoring system to track water quality and quantity. To help with the riparian plantings and restoration projects, ASSCA reached out to corporate volunteer groups from Husky Petroleum, MEG Energy, Deloitte, Delta Hotels and Lafarge to expand their demographic. ASSCA has planted over 100,000 trees within the watershed which will help to improve water quality for years to come. ASSCA plans to continue to participate in citizen science water quality monitoring with their volunteers to continue to engage corporate volunteer groups to plant more trees throughout the watershed.

“This grant enabled us to have the funds to contract Trout Unlimited Canada to carry out the baseline study and collect the original raw data for our water quality research. It also helped us highlight the role that tree planting can have with bank stabilization and has led to us planting over 100 000 trees on the property.”

Greg Shyba, CEO, Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area

Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society

Grant #: 07-FFCPPS-2014

Location: Fish Creek Provincial Park

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Total Project Value: \$69,170.33

Partners:

Sustain Environmental Solutions, Fish Creek Provincial Park, Alberta Environment and Parks, ALS Laboratories, Prospect Human Services, City of Calgary, Bow River Basin Council, Alberta Invasive Species Council, The Venturers Society

Project Summary:

Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society (FFCPPS) took a three-pronged approach to using their Watershed Stewardship Grant this year. This approach included: focusing on developing a water quality baseline to understand the current state of Fish Creek’s surface water quality by examining trends over the past seven years of data collected; eradicating invasive species and encouraging native plants communities to establish; and increasing public awareness of the Fish Creek watershed and fostering responsible park use through an annual Creekfest water festival, public talks, guided walking and minibus tours, displays at community events and hands-on stewardship activities. Through their 2014

Community Watershed Stewardship Project, they engaged 7,500 members of the public at events, talks, tours and hands-on stewardship experiences.

“This funding is critical to our ability to continue engaging the public in watershed stewardship for so many reasons: 1) Staff Wages – Although they will pay for supplies and consultant fees, many grant programs do not fund wages of existing staff. This practice devalues staff skills and time and deters organizations from cultivating skills in their current employee base by encouraging/forcing reliance on outside expertise and consultants. 2) Flexibility – The flexible nature of the WSG program allows organizations to be innovative in developing new programs and trying out new ways to tackle watershed stewardship issues. 3) Multi-Year Funding – In a metaphorical way, the fruits of our ongoing Community Watershed Stewardship Project have been allowed to ripen and mature with the ongoing support of the Land Stewardship Centre.”

Katie Pearson, Project and Programs Director, Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society

Ghost Watershed Alliance Society

Grant #: 08-GWAS-2014

Location: Ghost Watershed

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Total Project Value: \$23,095.93

Partners:

Bow River Basin Council, Hamlet of Benchlands, MD of Bighorn, Direct Energy / Centrica, TransAlta, OHV user groups, Trout Unlimited Canada, Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society, Spray Lake Sawmills, AESRD, Calgary Regional Partnership, Ghost Rediscovery

Project Summary:

Ghost Watershed Alliance Society (GWAS) has begun developing a State of the Watershed report. Their report will improve understanding of how natural features and processes influence watershed conditions, provide insights into the linkages between watershed health, and past and current land and water uses, identify sensitive and at-risk areas; provide the basis for future watershed planning; and allow GWAS to prioritize future activity. Throughout the process of completing the report, GWAS will also build relationships with stakeholders in the Ghost Watershed. The State of the Watershed report is GWAS's first step towards completing a Watershed Management Plan.

“The WSG grant enabled us to get the project underway. While we encountered difficulties along the way, we are now back on track with the project, learned a lot and are even better prepared for the completion of the project”

Marina Krainer, Executive Director, Ghost Watershed Alliance Society

Little Creeks and Rough Fescue Appreciation Society

Grant #: 11-LCARF-2014

Location: Horse Creek Watershed

Grant Amount: \$6,860

Total Project Value: \$24,476.18

Partners:

Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Alberta Environment and Parks, Town of Cochrane, Rocky View County, Eastern Slopes Rangeland Seeds, AltaGas

Project Summary:

Little Creeks and Rough Fescue Appreciation Society (LCARF) has completed the third year of their baseline water monitoring project. The group hired an environmental scientist to take samples from April through October and to complete a report on the results. The results from the monitoring will be used to help inform planners, landowners and other stakeholders in the watershed. The group also completed a riparian restoration to reduce sediments and runoff entering the creek being monitored and held a well-attended Field Day in July. LCARF plans to use the completed three years of water monitoring data to help direct future work, which may include work on another watershed or a native grass restoration project.

“LCARF would not have been able to collect all the science that we have without the WSG funds.”

Sarah Leete, President, Little Creeks and Rough Fescue Appreciation Society

Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society

Grant #: 18-WGPPS-2014

Location: Weaselhead Park

Grant Amount: \$5,200

Total Project Value: \$25,864.00

Partners:

Beyond Attitude Consulting, City of Calgary, Immigrant Services, Youth Central, Prospect Human Services Society, Nature Calgary

Project Summary:

Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society (WGPPS) continued their invasive plant program. In 2014, the project was able to: reduce the abundance of targeted invasive plants that interfere with ecosystem function and biodiversity; prevent new species of invasive plants becoming established; increase understanding and awareness among the community about invasive plants, the problems they cause and how to combat their spread; and restore native vegetation in the Weaselhead. WGPPS has a large volunteer component to their project to educate and increase awareness of invasive species; approximately 400 volunteers participated with stewardship activities, and the group engaged approximately 4500 adults and children with their education program. Overall the group is empowering park users to become more knowledgeable, enabling them to recognize the impact of non-native species invading local natural areas and understand how to take action.

“[The Watershed Stewardship Grant] has benefited the Society by showing the longstanding membership that their support is making a difference in maintaining the biodiversity of the Weaselhead. It has allowed us to pursue a project – restoring native vegetation in 200ha of riparian habitat – that was, from

the start, expected to take many years but is now showing clear progress. It has encouraged younger people to get involved with stewardship activities and to become members.”

Sarah Nevill, Executive Director, Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society

Western Sky Land Trust

Grant #: 19-WSLT-2015

Location: Calgary Region

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Total Project Value: \$175,711.00

Partners:

SAIT Polytechnic, Bow River Basin Council, Calgary Regional Partnership, City of Calgary, Alberta Environment and Parks, Rocky View County

Project Summary:

The Bow & Beyond Initiative was designed to engage private landowners in conservation with the ultimate goal of perpetually conserving their land through a variety of tools including conservation easements and land purchases or donations. In 2014 the initiative focused on lands along the Bow and Elbow Rivers upstream of the City of Calgary to the provincial and national park systems. The outreach yielded significant on-the-ground conservation projects, each having strong regional environmental and societal values, including protection of fish and wildlife habitat. Western Sky Land Trust received three land donations, facilitated five riparian health inventories and recommendations for improved land practices, and has been actively distributing the Green Acreage Guide to landowners in the area. Their goal is to conserve 3,000 acres of land and six miles of river front over the next five years.

“Given that the Bow & Beyond Initiative is a multi-year project, having on-going support from granting agencies is critical. Consistent financial support allows us to build organizational capacity and action projects when the opportunity is presented.”

Ellen Magidson, Communications and Development Manager, Western Sky Land Trust

Lesser Slave River Sub-Watershed

This sub-watershed empties into the Athabasca River just north of Alberta's geographical center. A popular fishing destination with a rich history, Lesser Slave Lake straddles the transition between agricultural interests in the west to boreal activities in the east. The Lesser Slave River is directly impacted by a fixed-crest weir that was constructed in 1983 in an effort to regulate the elevation of Lesser Slave Lake.

Lesser Slave River Sub-Watershed Stewardship Groups

- High Prairie Riparian Action Team

High Prairie Riparian Action Team

Grant #: 09-HPRAT-2014

Location: MD of Big Lakes

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Total Project Value: \$19,472.88

Partners:

Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society, Peace Country Beef and Forage Association, Alberta Environment and Parks, Smoky Applied Research and Demonstration Association

Project Summary:

High Prairie Riparian Action Team (HPRAT) will be completing a five year riparian health inventory of projects completed over the last 13 years. Projects range from fencing to management changes. Follow up riparian health assessments will be done, along with landowner discussions, to determine if the project was a success from their perspective, and what the outcomes of implementation of the project were on the landowner's operation. This year, four sites were chosen for follow-up inventories and 12 producers answered a survey to provide landowner feedback. It is important to HPRAT that the work completed is benefiting the producer, the operation and the ecosystem. The assessments completed indicated a positive change and improvement in overall health in the riparian sites. HPRAT will use the results from the landowner feedback to provide before and after comparisons, as well as better project design and follow through in the future.

“Without the Watershed Stewardship Grant funding, the High Prairie Riparian Action Team would not have been able to effectively implement the 2014, 10+ Year Project Evaluation. Because of the grant the group was able to work with our partners to have the riparian health assessment completed and published into reports. Information and feedback will be reported to landowner partners so that they may also be able to see the progress that their projects have made over time towards restoration of the riparian habitat.”

Monika Benoit, Extension Coordinator, Peace Country Beef and Forage Association

Milk River Watershed

The Milk River Watershed, located in the most southern part of the province, is the smallest of Alberta's ten major river basins¹, encompassing an area of 6,664 km². It is unique; known not just for its dry climate, extraordinary landscapes and diverse plant and wildlife communities, but also for the direction in which the Milk River flows. As the northern-most tributary of the Missouri River, the Milk River is the only watershed in Alberta that drains south to the Gulf of Mexico. The headwaters originate in northwestern Montana. The river then enters Alberta and flows eastward through the southern portion of the province and into Saskatchewan, prior to looping back into Montana.

Milk River Watershed Stewardship Groups

- Red Creek Stewardship Group

¹ <http://www.environment.alberta.ca/apps/basins/Default.aspx>

Red Creek Stewardship Group

Grant #: 14-RCSG-2014

Location: County of Warner

Grant Amount: \$8,800

Total Project Value: \$32,617.20

Partners:

County of Warner, Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society, Milk River Watershed Council of Canada, Alberta Conservation Association

Project Summary:

Red Creek Stewardship Group (RCSG) is a new group, working on coming together as a community to improve the overall health of the Red Creek Watershed. RCSG began their project by conducting two riparian health inventories to help determine the overall health of Red Creek and what issues may exist. The group then improved some of the riparian areas in the watershed by planting willow stakes, installing fencing to exclude cattle from the sensitive riparian areas, and by adjusting salt locations to encourage the cattle to move upland. The project sites will continue to be used as demonstration sites to engage other landowners in stewardship initiatives showing how similar projects can benefit the watershed. The group also provided a tour of project sites to further educate producers and landowners and to engage them in the stewardship initiative.

“The Watershed Stewardship Grant funding is vital to the Red Creek Stewardship Group. This funding provides the landowners the opportunity to come together not only to learn about the watershed but to come together as a community. This has enabled the stewardship group to successfully form and to be involved in the watershed as well as provided the ability for on-the-ground projects to happen. This already has the community group thinking about multi-year projects.”

Kerry Hyatt, Municipal Conservation Technician, County of Warner

North Saskatchewan River Watershed

The North Saskatchewan River Basin covers approximately 80,000 km² of the province. The basin originates in the Saskatchewan Glacier in Banff National Park and flows in a general eastward direction to the Alberta-Saskatchewan border. The Brazeau, Nordegg, Ram, Clearwater, Sturgeon and Vermilion rivers flow into the North Saskatchewan River as it passes across Alberta. Major centers within the basin include Drayton Valley, Rocky Mountain House, Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan and the Saddle Lake Indian Reserve.

North Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewardship Groups

- Clear Water Landcare
- Wabamun Watershed Management Council

Clear Water Landcare

Grant #: 05-CWL-2014

Location: Clearwater County

Grant Amount: \$7,500 (returned \$1,875)

Total Project Value: \$13,367.66

Partners:

Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society, Clearwater County

Project Summary:

Continuing with work started in 2012 and 2013, Clear Water Landcare (CWL) completed five riparian area health assessments along the Raven and North Raven rivers, and the Prairie and Cow creeks in 2014. The riparian health inventories provide CWL with important and detailed riparian information as benchmark for comparison, enabling them to build stronger relationships with local landowners, and offer education opportunities to promote better practices and improvements to the landscape. The group will present on the results of the summer and overall story of the work over the years at their 2015 Celebrating Our Successes event in Rocky Mountain House.

“We have benefited from WSG funding for several years, allowing us to help others practice change and to provide a wide variety of information to others. Our group has grown; but more important than numbers, we’ve grown in strength. We have an active leadership Board, a diverse program, and two full-time staff through the generosity of Clearwater County and, with all of that, the ability to forward plan.”

Gary Lewis, Landcare Supervisor, Clearwater County

Wabamun Watershed Management Council

Grant #: 20-WWMC-2014

Location: Lake Wabamun Watershed

Grant Amount: \$10,000 (Returned \$621.32)

Total Project Value: \$22,211.40

Partners:

Alberta Environment and Parks, North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance, Parkland County

Project Summary:

The basis for Wabamun Watershed Management Council’s (WWMC) project came as a direct result of a quote in their recent State of the Watershed Report which states, “Lack of information on the quality of riparian habitats and loss of wetland habitat is an important knowledge gap in determining the condition of the watershed. Both riparian areas and wetlands provide many important ecosystem services to the environment; including, carbon storage, flood control, contaminant filtering, wildlife habitat and many more. Maintaining and protecting these features on the landscape can ultimately lead to a healthier watershed.” To address this lack of information, WWMC conducted an aerial survey and had it professionally analyzed to establish potential for maintaining existing healthy riparian areas and for re-establishing healthy riparian areas where they do not exist.

“[The Watershed Stewardship Grant] allows us to continue towards our long term goal of a Wabamun Lake Watershed Management plan.”

Kelly Aldridge, Past Chair, Wabamun Watershed Management Council

Oldman River Sub-Watershed

Located in southwestern Alberta, the Oldman River Watershed is a sub-basin of the South Saskatchewan system, which eventually drains into the Hudson Bay. The main tributaries of the Oldman River are the Livingston, Crowsnest, Castle, Waterton, Belly, and St. Mary rivers, which are in turn supplied upstream by numerous small streams and wetlands. The Oldman River has a drainage area of 26,700 km² and it is 362 km in length.

Oldman River Sub-Watershed Stewardship Groups

- Castle-Crown Wilderness Coalition
- Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association

Castle-Crown Wilderness Coalition

Grant #: 03-CCWC-2014

Location: Castle-Crown Wilderness

Grant Amount: \$5,500 (returned \$1,375)

Total Project Value: \$28,516.63

Partners:

Alberta Environment and Parks, Municipal District of Pincher Creek, Ed Gregor Stewardship Group, Oldman Watershed Council, Livingstone Landowners, Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society, Trout Unlimited, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative, Alberta Wilderness Association, Crown of the Continent Conservation

Project Summary:

The Castle-Crown Wilderness Coalition (CCWC) focused on increasing awareness and education of the impacts of land use on headwaters and on how to prevent aquatic invasive species from introducing themselves in the area. In areas where they have been able to work for a few seasons they are seeing as much as a 70% reduction in invasive plant species. CCWC reached approximately 100 people through six events including fairs, festivals and local events. In addition, they hosted three invitational events in which participants helped remove invasive species, conducted general clean-up, and rebuilt and placed signs along an interpretive trail. The CCWC continues their participation on the Oldman Watershed Council's Headwaters Action Plan. CWCC is committed to continuing to work on stewarding the watershed and the backcountry by removing invasive species, closing illegal off-road vehicle trails, and clean-up of random campsites.

"The Watershed Stewardship Grant has helped us to increase awareness of the issues facing the Castle and to work towards improving the overall landscape. We have developed new possibilities for partnerships and seen new people come out to volunteer. The CCWC reclamation staff has been able to remove invasive species in areas that we have not seen them before and work on reclamation before it is out of control. We have a chance to get up to alpine lakes and report on cattle and horse issues that are becoming a problem and also report on any potential water issues we feel may become problematic. This grant truly helps us in our goal to steward the land."

Carolyn Aspeslet, Executive Director, Castle-Crown Wilderness Coalition

Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association

Grant #: 16-WBRA-2014

Location: Police Outpost Provincial Park

Grant Amount: \$3,710

Total Project Value: \$11,499.57

Partners:

Cardston Elementary School, Alberta Environment and Parks

Project Summary:

Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association (WBRA), in partnership with the Cardston Elementary School and Alberta Environment and Parks, provided nearly 100 grade five students with the opportunity to spend a day exploring wetlands and associated grassland habitat at Police Outpost Provincial Park. The students alternated through four stations: an exercise highlighting the medicine wheel and First Nations relationship to wetlands; a pond study and learning exercise about park stewardship of wetland

resources; a forest hike and exercise about wetland animal adaptations; and a grassland hike and opportunity to learn about invasive species and ranch stewardship of wetland resources. WBRA believes that getting children out into the natural world, to experience the environment first hand, rather than just learning about it in a classroom, is vital to building strong connections to the land and building a stewardship ethic at a young age.

“The Watershed Stewardship Grant (WSG) funding has been critical to maintaining the momentum for this project. While the interest from collaborating partners is high and volunteers are keen to be involved with this project, the support from the WSG allowed for paid staff to coordinate and shepherd the project along. To ensure long-term success of this project, paid support is necessary. Hosting 100 eleven year olds in a natural setting, and ensuring that they all have a safe and rewarding experience, is challenging. Managing 30 volunteers, including preparing them with the tools and knowledge they need to lead student sessions, is also a complex undertaking. The WSG funding also allowed for purchase of additional materials and equipment critical to enriching the student experience and keeping water bodies safe by allowing for a set of pond study equipment specifically for use in Outpost Lake.”

Nora Manners, Executive Director, Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association

Peace River Watershed

The Peace River begins in the mountains of northern British Columbia where it is influenced by the W.A.C. Bennett Dam. It then flows into Alberta, continuing northeast across the province through the town of Peace River and empties into the Slave River. At Peace Point the Peace River has a mean annual discharge of 68,200,000 dam³ and a drainage area of 293,000 km². The Peace/Slave River Basin includes the Wapiti, Smoky, Little Smoky, and Wabasca rivers. It is the largest basin in Alberta, occupying approximately 30 percent of the province. The basin is predominantly covered by native boreal forest and is part of the Mackenzie River system, which eventually drains into the Arctic Ocean.

Peace River Watershed Stewardship Groups

- Clear Hills Watershed Initiative

Clear Hills Watershed Initiative

Grant #: 04-CHWI-2014

Location: Clear Hills County

Grant Amount: \$4,000

Total Project Value: \$15,473.90

Partners:

Clear Hills County

Project Summary:

Clear Hills Watershed Initiative (CHWI) continued with water quality monitoring, which was started in 2007, and adoption of the beneficial management practices for the watershed. The group relies on Judith Weiler to analyze and report on surface water quality, and they consult with Gerard Aldridge on their education and outreach initiatives. The group is looking for trends in the quality of water and any significant changes as they implement the BMPs. CHWI maintained their presence in the community by participating as an exhibitor at the Clear Hills County Ag Trade show and by hosting an annual supper. They saw an increase in the number of participants at the supper due to their involvement with the Fish in Schools (FinS) program. The FinS program provides an opportunity for students to raise trout in the classroom over a four to five month period. Students and teachers maintain and monitor the development of trout – from egg to fry – in their classroom aquarium.

“The Watershed Stewardship Grant enables us to do water tests, projects and social events to share with the public. It provides us with much needed funding to conduct these things and also to involve future watershed stewards.”

Harriet Konrad, Secretary and Treasurer, Clear Hills Watershed Initiative

Red Deer River Sub-Watershed

Almost wholly contained within Alberta, the Red Deer River originates in the Canadian Rocky Mountains in Banff National Park, flows northeast and then southeast, joining up with the South Saskatchewan River just eight kilometers into the province of Saskatchewan. Although its headwaters are located within the Rocky Mountains, the Red Deer River receives minimal glacier runoff. It is fed primarily by snowmelt, groundwater, precipitation and inflows from its numerous tributaries. Consisting of a drainage area of nearly 50,000km², the watershed is the largest sub-basin of the South Saskatchewan River basin. It encompasses 55 urban centers and 18 rural municipalities.

Red Deer River Sub-Watershed Stewardship Groups

- Friends of the Chain Lakes Society
- Sylvan Lake Watershed Stewardship Society

Friends of the Chain Lakes Society

Grant #: 06-FCLS-2014

Location: Ponoka County and Lacombe County

Grant Amount: \$7,000

Total Project Value: \$20,780.24

Partners:

Lacombe County, Ponoka County, Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society

Project Summary:

Friends of the Chain Lakes Society (FCLS) has witnessed a decline in the quality of the water, the increase of algae bloom and the decline of the fish population in the lakes. As a result, FCLS had Alberta Lake Management Society perform water quality assessments on two of the three lakes the group is concerned with. The first lake was determined to be hyper-eutrophic, and the group used their 2014 grant to ascertain if the riparian areas around the lake are one of the contributing factors to the poor water quality. In partnership with Ponoka and Lacombe Counties, they worked with Cows and Fish to complete riparian assessments around Chain Lakes. It was determined that the riparian areas are healthy with a few problems, so the poor water quality must also be caused by other factors. They used the information gained from their efforts to inform the various stakeholders and landowners about the results, and will begin work on determining point sources of runoff with the help of Ponoka County.

“Without this support we would not have been able to do a proper and as extensive study of the Riparian Health of the Lakes.”

Joanne McMillan, Board Member, Friends of Chain Lakes Society

Sylvan Lake Watershed Stewardship Society

Grant #: 15-SLWSS-2014

Location: Sylvan Lake Watershed

Grant Amount: \$2,600 (returned \$1,874.48)

Total Project Value: \$1,275.52

Partners:

Alberta Environment and Parks

Project Summary:

Sylvan Lake Watershed Stewardship Society’s objective was to collect water quality and flow rate data from Golf Course Creek from April to September in order to calculate the nutrient loading of Sylvan Lake. The group took water quality samples, and collected stream flow rate, temperature, pH and conductivity information. The project cost was modest and less than that expected in the original proposal, partly because the frequency of water quality sampling was determined by the intensity of spring runoff and subsequent precipitation received through the summer months which was low in 2014. A technical report was compiled, and the data in the report will be used for early detection of the effects of land use changes within the catchment and nutrient loading of the lake flows from the tributaries that drain into Sylvan Lake. The report will also be used to deliver the results of the project to project funders, as well as the Town of Sylvan Lake, the community of Marina Bay and Red Deer County to support local land use decisions.

“WSG funding provided an incentive to implement [Golf Course Creek Project 2014]. Grant funding was applied to cover the direct costs of water quality analyses at a commercial analytical laboratory. WSG

funding for GCC 2014 has essentially shown that future project scope and spending would have to increase by one or two orders of magnitude (X10, or X100) to fully meet the requirements of the SLWSS and others with a stake in the water quality state of Sylvan Lake.”

Graeme Strathdee, President, Sylvan Lake Watershed Stewardship Society

South Saskatchewan River Sub-Watershed

The South Saskatchewan River sub-basin straddles the border between Alberta and Saskatchewan, and eventually drains into the Hudson Bay. The river runs north, and then northeast until it crosses into Saskatchewan to join with the Red Deer River. It has around 14,000km² of drainage area and the lowest level of precipitation in Alberta, allowing the climate to be classified as sub-arid to semi-arid.

South Saskatchewan Watershed Stewardship Groups

No WSG funded projects were completed in the South Saskatchewan River Sub-Watershed in this grant round.

Report Summary

The Watershed Stewardship Grant continues to enable Alberta's community-based stewards to accomplish initiatives that are enhancing their watersheds and positively impacting their communities. Over the course of the grant's history, groups have completed a wide variety of projects ranging from invasive plant species removal to water quality monitoring. In some cases, stewardship groups are developing technical reports, state of the watershed reports and watershed management plans demonstrating their increasing level of sophistication and maturity as they have evolved over time.

Groups are beginning to plan projects with outcomes as far reaching as being able to inform municipal decision makers to help with land use decisions. With projects contributing such significant results, the Watershed Stewardship Grant program is helping stewardship groups to legitimize stewardship in Alberta.

Land Stewardship Centre remains committed to constantly improving the Watershed Stewardship Grant Program. Every year the program is reviewed to ensure it remains relevant and responsive to the needs of the stewardship community and funders. Not only does the program provide some of the only consistent funding to groups who are working on multi-year projects, but it also serves to help increase the capacity and strategic planning ability of the groups it serves. The Watershed Stewardship Grant Program is regularly oversubscribed, indicating a continued need for consistent, dependable funding for stewardship initiatives in Alberta.

Grant recipients continue to express their gratitude for the Watershed Stewardship Grant funds, without which they would not be able to develop their plans, implement their projects and deliver long-term positive results within their local watershed. In addition, receiving consistent and regular funding has enabled them to create continuity for their grassroots initiatives to the benefit of many.

Watershed stewardship groups continue to establish and maintain long-term relationships with local communities, NGOs, WPACs, municipal districts and counties to generate thousands of volunteer and in-kind hours which contribute to the success of their projects. The consistent leveraging of dollars against financial, volunteer and in-kind commitments permits the scope and reach of projects to far surpass the monetary value of grant funds provided. 2014 was another exceptional year for leveraging; the WSG dollars were leveraged at a ratio of nearly six-to-one resulting in a total value of \$647,328.87 which far surpasses the average of four-to-one leveraging.

Appendices

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Appendix A: 2014 Watershed Stewardship Grant Program Financial Summary

Funds Received	Amount
2014 Watershed Stewardship Grant Program (Grant #15GRSSR01)	150,000.00
Total Funds Received	150,000.00

Funds Allocated	Amount
Project funding dispersed (20 projects up to \$10,000 each)	125,000.00
Administration	25,000.00
Total Funds Allocated	150,000.00

Allocated Funds Returned	
Baptiste and Island Lakes Stewardship Society (02-BILSS-2014)	750.00
Castle Crown Wilderness Coalition (03-CWCC-2014)	1,375.00
Clear Water Landcare (05-CWL-2014)	1,875.00
Moose Lake Watershed Society (13-MLWS-2014)	2,266.86
Sylvan Lake Watershed Stewardship Society (15-SLWSS-2014)	1,874.48
West Central Forage Association (17-WFCA-2014)	2,030.05
Wabamun Watershed Management Council (20-WWMC-2014)	621.32
Total Allocated Funds Returned	10,792.71

Appendix B: Total Value of 2014 Watershed Stewardship Grant Program

Watershed Stewardship Projects—Cash	Amount
Total grant project funding spent	114,207.29
Leveraged funding	282,864.71
Watershed Stewardship Projects—Cash Subtotal	397,072.00
Watershed Stewardship Projects—In-Kind	
Documented group volunteer time and in-kind contributions (Includes equipment materials, technical volunteer time, etc.)	165,721.87
Watershed Stewardship Projects—In-Kind Subtotal	165,721.87
Total Value of Watershed Stewardship Projects	562,793.87
Grant Program Administration and Delivery	
Watershed Stewardship Grant Coordinator and LSC Staff(paid)	25,000.00
Land Stewardship Centre in-kind contributions	56,000.00
Grant Program Administration and Delivery Subtotal	81,000.00
Watershed Stewardship Grant Committee In-kind	
Alberta Agriculture and Forestry	540.00
Alberta Environment and Parks	625.00
Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society (Cows and Fish)	430.00
Land Stewardship Centre of Canada	380.00
Watershed Planning and Advisory Council (Bow River Basin Council)	640.00
Community Steward Representatives	920.00
WSG Committee In-Kind Subtotal	3,535.00
Total Value of Grant Administration and Delivery and WSG Committee In-Kind	84,535.00
Total Value of the 2014 Watershed Stewardship Grant Program	647,328.87
The following amounts have been used to calculate the value of in-kind contributions:	
Volunteer Time	\$20/hour
Technical Expert	\$30/hour
Equipment Costs	\$40/hour

Appendix C: Overview of Watershed Stewardship Group Project Information

2014 Watershed Stewardship Grants			Project Grant Funding			Leveraged Contributions		Total Project Value
Grant #	Applicant	Signing Authority	Requested	Approved	Spent	Financial	In-Kind	
01-ASCCA-2014	Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area	Applicant	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	9,350.39	126.07	19,476.46
02-BILSS-2014	Baptiste and Island Lakes Stewardship Society	Applicant	10,000.00	3,000.00	2,250.00	100.00	1,445.26	3,795.26
03-CCWC-2014	Castle-Crown Wilderness Coalition	Applicant	7,500.00	5,500.00	4,125.00	10,941.63	13,450.00	28,516.63
04-CHWI-2014	Clear Hills Watershed Initiative	Applicant	10,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	113.90	11,360.00	15,473.90
05-CWL-2014	Clear Water Landcare	Clearwater County	7,500.00	7,500.00	5,625.00	5,842.66	1,900.00	13,367.66
06-FCLS-2014	Friends of the Chain Lakes Society	Applicant	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	1,899.70	11,880.54	20,780.24
07-FFCPPS-2014	Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society	Applicant	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	29,210.33	29,960.00	69,170.33
08-GWAS-2014	Ghost Watershed Alliance Society	Applicant	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	12,700.31	395.62	23,095.93
09-HPRAT-2014	High Prairie Riparian Action Team	Peace Country Beef and Forage Association	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	12.50	11,960.38	19,472.88
10-KotA-2014	Keepers of the Athabasca Little Creeks and	Wildsight	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	26,670.00	7,900.00	42,070.00
11-LCARF-2014	Rough Fescue Appreciation Society	Applicant	10,000.00	6,860.00	6,860.00	9,036.18	8,580.00	24,476.18
12-LtL-2014	Love the Lake	Summer Village of Grandview	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	277.45	1,750.00	4,877.45
13-MLWS-2014	Moose Lake Watershed Society	Applicant	7,500.00	7,500.00	5,233.14	261.67	-	5,494.81
14-RCSG-2014	Red Creek Stewardship Group	County of Warner No. 5	10,000.00	8,800.00	8,800.00	10,327.20	13,490.00	32,617.20
15-SLWSS-2014	Sylvan Lake Watershed Stewardship Society	Applicant	2,600.00	2,600.00	725.52	-	550.00	1,275.52
16-WBRA-2014	Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association	Applicant	4,285.00	3,710.00	3,710.00	350.57	7,439.00	11,499.57
17-WCFA-2014	West-Central Forage Association	Applicant	6,180.00	4,480.00	2,449.95	1,097.50	-	3,547.45
18-WGPPS-2014	Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society	Applicant	5,700.00	5,200.00	5,200.00	16,189.00	4,475.00	25,864.00
19-WSLT-2014	Western Sky Land Trust	Applicant	10,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	148,211.00	26,500.00	175,711.00
20-WWMC-2014	Wabamun Watershed Management Council	Applicant	10,000.00	10,000.00	9,378.68	272.72	12,560.00	22,211.40
Total			156,115.00	\$125,000.00	114,207.29	282,864.71	165,721.87	562,793.87

