



Upcoming events

- May** Landowner permission letters are being mailed to areas where we plan to work. If you receive a letter, make sure to sign and return the permission form and encourage your neighbors to do the same.
- May 24** Our Annual General Meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at Corran Ban Hall. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Michael van den Heuvel, Director of the Canadian Rivers Institute, and professor at University of Prince Edward Island. The title of the presentation will be "From springs to ocean: Issues for watershed management on PEI".
- June 4** Let's hike the Winter River Trail. Don't forget your camera! The trail is home to some great areas of Lady's Slipper plants, which we hope to see in bloom. Meet at the trail head (end of the East Suffolk Road) at 10am.
- All Summer** Staff and volunteers will be continuing with our door-to-door campaign to meet our watershed residents.
- TBA** Shoreline cleanup around Tracadie Bay.

Check WinterTracadie.ca and [Facebook.com/WRTBWA](https://www.facebook.com/WRTBWA) for updates and information about more events.

Events from the past year



Snowshoe hike - that didn't require snowshoes!



Work site tour for board members.

Note on newsletter distribution:

We chose not to print newsletters this spring due to the cost, and uncertainty of our 2016 core funding.

Please share this document with anyone who may be interested in the work of WRTBWA.

Presentation to the Environmental Advisory Council Regarding PEI's New Water Act



WINTER RIVER - TRACADIE BAY
WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

November 5, 2015

Water Act presentation



Sean Casey helping to plant trees



Trout caught in Officer's Pond; Hung culvert being assessed; Tree planting event; floating leaf.

2015 Field work

We had a large staff in 2015 and we accomplished a big list of projects.

- Planting over 2000 trees and shrubs
- Clearing approximately 6km of streams.
- Installation of brush mats (several small, six large and two huge mats) to collect silt from streams.
- Installation of 50 nesting boxes for various bird species.
- Monitoring of water temperatures and flows at various streams and springs.
- Collection of water samples for analysis of nitrate levels and sediment levels at various streams and springs.
- Operation of a fish trap at Officer's Pond to monitor fish populations in the area.
- Shoreline and roadside cleanups.
- Habitat enhancement activities for fish including placement of cover logs, maintenance of existing cover logs, and installation of gravel for spawning areas.
- Surveys of culverts for fish passage issues.
- Surveys of new streams for work planning in the future.

More detailed information is available at WinterTracadie.ca/field-work



Brush mat construction underway; nest boxes installed; tree planting day.



Brackley branch of the Winter River was so dry we could write messages in the streambed (September 2015).

Become a supporter

Who: Anyone! Especially watershed residents.

What: Sign up as a supporter of WRTBWA.

When: Anytime.

Where: Anywhere via our website.

Why: Reporting the number of people on our list is one way we can indicate that the whole community supports our efforts. Agencies that provide funding like to see this type of community involvement.

How: Just provide your information using this handy link:

WinterTracadie.ca/Support

We will also keep you informed about fun events, group updates, and what we are working on in the field.

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Key volunteers and staff at our 2015 AGM
(Photo by Shirley Gallant).

We would like to thank our funding partners for their support of our work in 2015.

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- Canada Summer Jobs
- EcoAction
- Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnership Program
- Science Horizons



- Greening Spaces Program
- Jobs for Youth
- Watershed Management Fund



- Percé Program
- Walmart Evergreen Green Grants
- Wildlife Conservation Fund
- YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange Program

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