



Are you interested in volunteering with the Winter River-Tracadie Bay Watershed Association?

We are working on lots of different projects and people with many different skills can help.

Are you happy when out in nature? A couple times of year we have public tree planting days on a Saturday where we invite people to join along and plant some trees. Our work crews also spend much of the late spring and early summer planting trees Monday to Friday, when you can also join along. The crew also works on other activities like cutting down alders, building brushmats in the stream, monitoring springs, and so much more.

Are you knowledgeable about environmental management/forestry? If you have a lot of knowledge about the environment, we have a field work committee that decides what work should be prioritized each year, work on the logistics of equipment and personnel, and make other decisions about field work.

Are you interested in water conservation and sustainability? We have a committee of board members and other volunteers who look for ways to work with the City on the issue of their water extraction. We welcome more help and new ideas on this issue.

Are you a great writer? We write articles for the Guardian or letters to the editor when important issues are in the news. Having another person to help write and edit these pieces can be helpful. We also put out one or two newsletters per year that involve a lot of writing and editing.

Are you interested in news and read a lot? If you come across a story involving the watershed or something that would interest the followers of our Facebook page, share it with our communications committee.

Are you interested in politics? Our committee devoted to the issue of water extraction by the City of Charlottetown tries to work with City, provincial and/or federal politicians and bureaucrats to work on solutions for this problem.

Are you knowledgeable about agriculture? We are working on a nutrient management program which works with farmers in the area to reduce possible nitrate contamination of our groundwater. The more farmers involved in our program, the more impact we can have.

Are you great at talking to people? We are trying to collect personal stories from people about their experiences of changes in the watershed over the years. We are also looking for ways to build our membership and volunteer base.

Are you frequently on or near the river? We need volunteers for our estuary watch program. The goal of the program is for volunteers to record basic information about estuary conditions in the summer, monitoring the situation, and eventually reducing the problem. Volunteers will be asked to complete a daily log of conditions in their portion of an estuary from June to August, which should only take a few minutes per day.

Are you a photographer? Photos taken around the watershed are useful for our website, newsletters and Facebook.

Are you interested in research and learning new things? When new government policies are discussed, we like to learn about the background information and take an informed position on whether or not we agree with the policy, recent examples are the water extraction policy, and city ditch infilling.

Are you talented in some other way? Computer troubleshooting, design, media - there are many to help.

For more information, email Volunteer@WinterTracadie.ca or call 902-314-9293.