



“THE WATERSHED” NEWS - FALL / WINTER 2014

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Our Mission Statement is to *Preserve and enhance the Blue Mountain watershed ecosystem.* We try to prevent inappropriate and unnecessary encroachment of human activities on our natural heritage. The Watershed Trust is a non-profit, non-government organization. Our area of interest consists of 90,000 hectares from the Niagara Escarpment to Georgian Bay, and includes five major watersheds, Silver Creek, Black Ash Creek, Batteaux Creek, Pretty River, and Beaver River, plus Indian Brook, Townline Creek and other streams that originate in the Niagara Escarpment and drain directly into Georgian Bay. This area is also one of the sources of the Amabel Aquifer. Our goal is to protect, wisely manage and enhance surface and ground water, wetlands, woodlands, fish and wildlife habitat, ravines, valleys and streams in our watershed.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE ---- Norm Wingrove

Our documentary film series **Be The Change** (season seven) runs from October to April, on the last Wednesday of the month (except December) at the Gayety Theatre. Our Education Committee, especially Christy Deere, and our partner, Elephant Thoughts, have developed a great line-up of films. For more information, visit www.bethechangefilmseries.com.

The WAG Committee has many important projects underway. Thanks to retiring member Doug Cooper for all his good work. Hearty congratulations to Don Kerr, recipient of Ontario Nature’s Ian Shensstone Fraser Memorial Award given for his leadership in the campaign to preserve the Silver Creek Provincially Significant Wetland.

Thanks to the Communications Committee (Co-Chairs Blanka Guyatt and Carl Michener) for their work in developing new BMWTF messaging. They have produced a new brochure and new business cards which have been handed out at various events over the summer such as Jazz at the Station and All Saints Anglican Church Green Team Environmental Forum. Blanka and Carl coordinated the efforts of Michael Dwyer and Mark Beauchamp in the production of a Watershed Trust video. The video will be used for promotional purposes, posted on the web site and shown at **Be The Change**.

We are pleased to report that our Accountant, Bill Sloan, is well on the road to recovery after spending several weeks in hospital. Bill keeps our finances in good shape. Thanks, Bill!

The Board met twice in September to work on our Strategic Plan. This builds on the work begun at the April 19th retreat. An ad hoc sub-committee of myself, Eleanor Ward, Carl Michener and Peter McDonald will summarize the results of these meetings and set in motion the next steps.

Check out the new and improved Watershed Trust web site at www.watershedtrust.ca. Thanks to Ivan Chan and Carl Michener. Please visit our new Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/BMwatertrust>.

OMB OVERTURNS LOCAL WISHES: HUNTINGWOOD TRAILS DECISION THREATENS SILVER CREEK

By Don Avery (with Don Kerr and Norm Wingrove)

On July 31, 2014, the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) delivered a Decision approving the results of mediation between the developer and Town of Collingwood, County of Simcoe and NVCA. The application by Huntingwood Trails (Collingwood) Inc. for development of a subdivision on property south of Highway 26 and north of the Georgian Trail can now proceed. The land lies between The Forest and Silver Glen subdivisions. Silver Creek runs between the two. The Decision approved development of two residential nodes – Area #1 with a maximum of 112 residential units and Area #2 with 67. The actual number of units will be determined in the Plan of Subdivision and Condominium which will come later. The conditions of approval include donation of 90 acres of environmentally significant land to the Town of Collingwood.

The position of the Watershed Trust was to support the Town's opposition on planning principles – there is sufficient development land already approved to serve the needs of the Town for many years. This parcel of land was zoned rural and environmental protection prior to the OMB rezoning. Watershed Trust also has serious environmental concerns because the property encompasses Silver Creek and a large piece of the Silver Creek Provincially Significant Wetland.

On the positive side, it was encouraging that the Watershed Trust developed a number of successful initiatives such as the well-crafted *Special Participant OMB* statement prepared by Don Kerr; the excellent presentation of this statement at the OMB hearing by Don Avery; and the opportunity for a major expansion of the SCW Vision plan. However, on the other side of the ledger, there were several negative outcomes, notably the decision of the Town of Collingwood to go into mediation in spite of strong reasons to oppose the application. As a result, the lands bordering Silver Creek within

the original Huntingwood Trails property will soon represent the highest housing density of any portion of this wonderful waterway. In addition, there is the distinct possibility that other real estate developers will regard other portions of Silver Creek and its Wetland as being open for business. Our task is to ensure the Creek and Wetland are protected even beyond what the law says. We are asking the province for changes in the *Places to Grow* and *Planning Acts*.

There are other related matters that the Watershed Trust is following. Access to Area #2 is through the Silver Glen subdivision, and the residents have not approved this route. One potential access to Area #1 is through environmentally sensitive lands. We continue to monitor the situation.

If you wish to read the full OMB Decision, go to their web site www.omb.gov.on.ca and enter the Case No. PL120794

ANNUAL MEETING All Members Welcome

Wednesday December 3, 2014
Craigeith Community Centre,
132 Lakeshore Road East,
Blue Mountains, On.



4 p.m.

Wine and Cheese and the presentation of our new video

5 p.m.

Presentation of our new strategic plan and Annual Meeting business

STOP THE RUNOFF: SKI HILL AND TOWN ROAD CONSTRUCTION ARE DAMAGING OUR CREEKS

By George Powell

As you drive from Collingwood to Thornbury there are more than 20 spring-fed creeks that cascade down the Niagara Escarpment making their way to Georgian Bay. Their watersheds are small in size, but taken together carry a large nutrient and sediment load impacting the creeks and the Blue Mountain area shoreline.

During wet weather and spring run-off, you can often see along Highway 26 brown shore waters indicating higher than desirable suspended solids (turbidity) levels.

Since 2007, Watershed Trust, in co-operation with the Nottawasaga Valley and Grey Sauble Conservation Authorities has been monitoring the run-off from Townline Creek, a typical spring fed creek that empties into Nottawasaga Bay on the west side of the Provincially Significant Silver Creek Wetland in the Town of Collingwood.

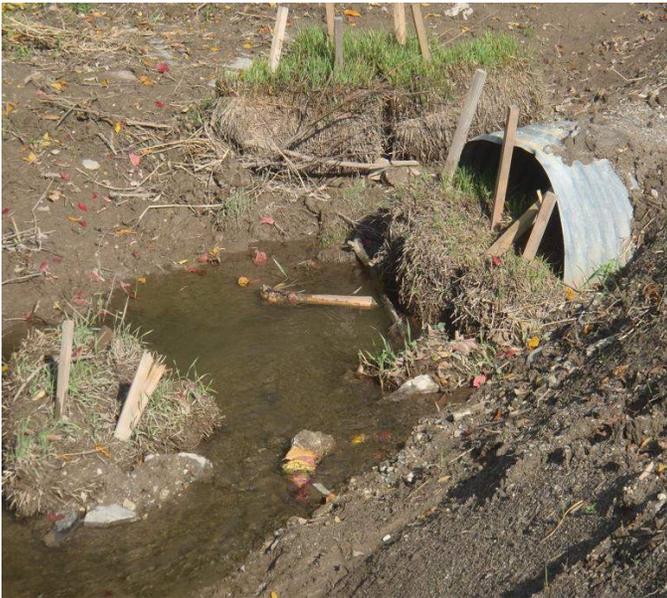
Compared to five other watercourses in the Collingwood area, Townline Creek consistently demonstrates degraded water quality with higher than desirable concentrations of Total Suspended Solids. Environment Canada's water quality guideline for Total Suspended Solids is 5 mg/L during base flow (dry weather events) and 25 mg/L during storm or wet weather events. Townline Creek was well above these guidelines.

The nutrient phosphorus acts like a fertilizer in water and can promote undesirable and rapid aquatic vegetative growth. The Canadian Water Quality Guideline at which a stream is considered degraded is 0.03 mg/L of phosphorus. During storm events in 2013, Townline Creek averaged 0.107 mg/L, over three times the guideline.

What is clearly evident in investigating the reason for higher levels of pollutants in Townline Creek is construction activity, both on the ski hills and in road construction projects. The photos below show recent grading work on a local ski hill and the resulting impact on run-off during spring freshet.



The construction of a trunk sewer on Grey County Road 21 (Osler Bluff Road) is an example of construction activities impacting Townline Creek.



This photo was taken just north of Monterra Road on County Road 24 where Townline Creek crosses the road. The straw bales have been displaced during a heavy rainfall event on September 22, 2014 causing blockage of Townline Creek. Total Suspended Solids and Total Phosphorus, the day after the storm event at Osler Bluff Road and Highway 26 were measured as 234 mg/L and 0.214 mg/L respectively, notably well above the guideline recommendations of 25 mg/L and 0.03 mg/l.

To reduce sediment run-off to our streams and the Bay it is essential that local municipalities and ski hill operators take action to better control sediment run-off during construction and in the day-to-day operation of the ski hills. There are well-established best-management practices to minimize erosion and sedimentation.

The key is to get vegetated cover back as soon as possible after digging or grading to protect the slope from further erosion.

As a temporary measure roughening and cross furrowing of un-vegetated areas on the ski hills would assist in reducing the rate of run-off. As well, silt barriers and sediment ponds should be established to help to settle out sediment and prevent solids entering the creeks and the Bay. On our roads properly maintained silt fences and erosion control methods are needed.



In conclusion we are concerned that development pressures and construction activities are degrading our watershed and Georgian Bay. Action needs to be taken to reverse the impacts. We are meeting with local ski area managers and will be submitting this report to them as well to the local municipalities asking for their help in protecting our watershed from erosion.

A NATURAL ESCARPMENT OR A QUARRIED ESCARPMENT?

Can the Niagara Escarpment Be Protected From the Mineral Extraction Industry?

By Don Avery

On 17 September 2014, the majority of members of the Niagara Escarpment Commission voted in favour of restricting future aggregate operations in all sections of the Escarpment. This bold policy initiative was not an easy undertaking since it ran contrary to the directives of the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) which emphasized “that aggregates are to be made available where it is possible to do so,” and “that aggregates are a necessary commodity even on the Escarpment.”¹ In addition, five of the twelve

¹ Niagara Escarpment Plan Review 2015: Discussion Paper, Topic 6, Aggregate Resources Policy (17 September 2014), 4.

members of the Commission strenuously opposed this initiative on the grounds that it would alienate the provincial government at a time when the NEC was facing a mandated policy review, and would unnecessarily antagonize the powerful mineral aggregate industry. Nor was this warning without substance since it was reported that within five minutes of the recorded vote representatives of the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (OSSGA) had contacted the Premier's office complaining about this major shift in direction.

As the representative of the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust I had an opportunity of witnessing this dramatic event, and was impressed that seven of the commissioners, despite the PPS guidelines, felt they had a moral obligation to uphold and safeguard the original goals of the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act, and that the Ontario public should not be required to subsidize the aggregate industry. Significantly, the official policy of the Watershed Trust was already in conformity with these principles, namely that the NEP area "should not be considered as a long term source of mineral aggregate."

At the same time, during the next few months the NEC will be under intense pressure from the leading companies within the aggregate industry to either repeal or substantially modify its position of September 17. For example, corporate giants such as the newly merged Lafarge/ Holcim can use a variety of methods to advance their goals. One of these is the ongoing lobbying efforts of the OSSGA on behalf of most aspects of the aggregate industry's activities, with special emphasis on its supposedly splendid record in rehabilitating over 300 abandoned quarries and gravel pits. As the BMWTF has pointed out, there is little evidence to substantiate this assertion: in reality, instead of being returned to their former natural conditions, most of these sites are being transformed into non-ecological waterholes. Another corporate strategy involves the 2013 formation of the Cornerstone Standards Council (CSC), composed of prominent members of the aggregate industry and select

environmental/community groups, with the goal of establishing a system that is "voluntary, market based [and] intended to provide incentives for individual operators that are willing to go above and beyond [existing] regulatory practices."² While the BMWTF welcomed this creative attempt to escape from the cycle of confrontations between aggregate operators and local groups, we have serious reservations about key aspects of their certification system. One of the most serious is the apparent willingness of the CSC to endorse the aggregate industry's goal of further expansion into NEP designated Rural Areas where a series of plan amendments, reinforced by the use of Biodiversity plans, would carve out new licensed aggregate sites. Despite our criticism of this strategy it does not appear that CSC has altered its goal of exploiting the NEP, although this position has been carefully disguised in recent attempts by its representatives to enlist support for their plan.³

What has Watershed Trust done to convince the Niagara Escarpment Commission, and its political masters, to retain the ban on future aggregate operations in the NEP? One approach was to pass a motion at the Watershed Action Group committee (WAG) meeting endorsing this policy, and to enclose this motion in a letter to the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry. Another initiative has been to try and convince other independent environmental NGO's to adopt similar strategies with positive responses coming from Gravel Watch Ontario and the Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment, plus a number of smaller regional bodies such as the ProtectMono. A third strategy has been to expose the intentions of pro-aggregate organizations such as the Cornerstone Standards Council, and to convince some of its prominent

² Cornerstone Standards Council, Responsible Aggregate Standards (Draft 2.0), 6 January 2014

³ CSC Draft Proposed Certification Program: Presentation by Krista West, CSC Director of Certification 21 September, Gravel Watch Ontario monthly meeting, Puslinch Community Centre, Ontario.

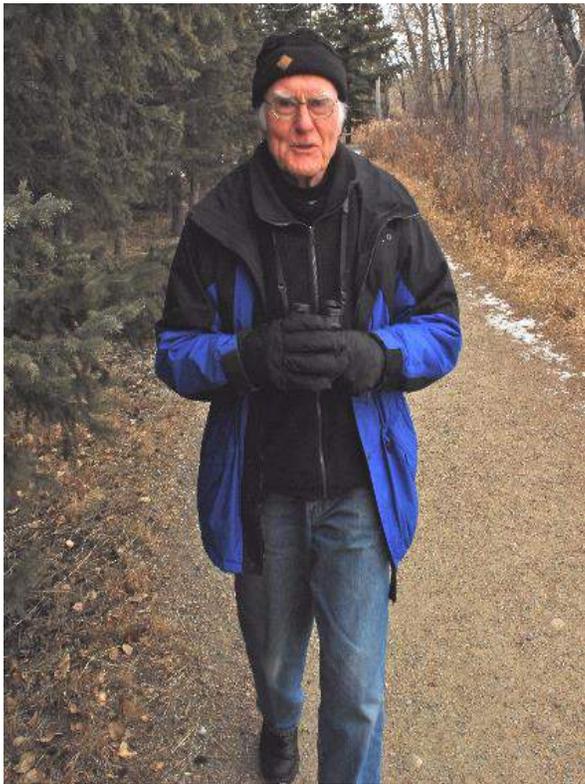
environmental members, notably Ontario Nature and Environmental Defence, that they should reject any future attempts to use NEP lands for aggregate mining. And finally, efforts have been made to educate local politicians in Collingwood, The Blue Mountains, Clearview and Grey Highlands of the importance of protecting the Niagara Escarpment, one of Ontario's most important ecosystems.

WETLANDS CRUSADER WINS AWARD

Don Kerr of the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust wins prestigious Ontario Nature Award

By Carl Michener

The Blue Mountain Watershed Trust is pleased to announce that one of our Directors, Don Kerr, has won the coveted Ian Shenstone Fraser Conservation Award presented by Ontario Nature.



"It's an honour," says Kerr, a spry octogenarian and one of the most effective environmental advocates in the Collingwood area. Kerr just

recently received the Conservation Award for his work in saving the Silver Creek Wetlands from development.

Since moving to Collingwood in 1998, Don has been active in the campaign to preserve the Silver Creek Provincially Significant Wetland.

"My most significant and unique accomplishment is the Silver Creek Vision Project," says Kerr. The Vision Project, envisioned and initiated by Kerr with support from Watershed Trust members in 2012, is a strategy for transferring as much as possible of the Silver Creek Wetland properties out of private hands and managing them as one unit.

"The Silver Creek Wetland is one of the most important ecological features in this region," continues Kerr, "and it's critical that it remain intact and fully protected." Kerr has played a key role in securing an agreement for this approach from the Collingwood and The Blue Mountains Councils, and the boards of Grey Sauble Conservation, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, and the Niagara Escarpment Commission. It is well on its way to becoming a reality.

Congratulations, Don! We value your work!

CANADA'S WORST INVASIVE PLANT - PHRAGMITES—IS HERE IN THE COLLINGWOOD AREA

by George Powell

The word *Phragmites* (pronounced "frag-my-tees") is from the Greek *phragma*, meaning fence or hedge. Such a hedge, in places over 3.5 metres high, runs along the north side of Highway 26 at the Silver Creek Wetland in Collingwood. Several years ago, cattails would have been found in this area but not to the extent that invasive *Phragmites* is present today. It is unclear exactly how invasive *Phragmites* was transported to North America from its native home in Eurasia, but in 2005 it was identified as Canada's "worst" invasive plant

species by researchers at Agriculture and Agri-food Canada.



Heather Powell, standing in the Silver Creek area beside Hwy 26, holds a reed that is 12 feet tall

There are two subspecies of *Phragmites* found in our area: the invasive *Phragmites australis* subspecies *australis*, and the native species *Phragmites australis* subspecies *americanus*. The latter species is rare in our watershed but is found in the Minesing fen, says David Featherstone of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority.

If left unchecked, Invasive *Phragmites* (also known as the European common reed) will cause serious damage to the biodiversity of the area. It out competes native wetland species and creates a monoculture that compromises wildlife habitat. Blanding Turtles (an at risk species) cannot pass through the dense reeds (up to 200 stems per square metre). *Phragmites* also releases toxins from its roots into the surrounding soil, which impedes the growth of and even kills off neighbouring vegetation.

Phragmites thrives in disturbed moist habitats. While it prefers areas of standing water, its long

stolons and rhizomes allow its roots to reach out to find water. Low-water conditions in Georgian Bay have provided a favourable environment for its rapid colonization. It is now increasingly found in protected shoreline areas, beaches and wetlands of the Blue Mountain Watershed. *Phragmites* can tolerate high salinity so is now frequently found in road-side ditches as well.

Phragmites primarily spreads to new areas through seed dispersal. The seed head which looks like an attractive tall grass florescence can contain over 2000 seeds and is spread by wind and water.

Once a stand of *Phragmites* is established, it spreads further via its rhizomes and stolons. The lateral spread of rhizomes averages approximately 39.8 cm per year, and stolons can grow up to 10.7 cm in a day. Stolons often extend more than 10 metres from the parent plant.

COMMUNITY ACTION: At a recent meeting organized by Gail Bascombe and Betty Beacon, who live in the White's Bay area of Collingwood, David Featherstone of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority gave a presentation on *Phragmites* to a group of concerned citizens representing area condominium organizations. He underlined the seriousness of the problem and the need for community action to help to mitigate the adverse impact of this invasive perennial grass. George Powell of the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation, Colin Dobell of "Stop the Invasion" and David Sweetman of "Georgian Bay Forever" also made presentations.

You can HELP CONTROL THIS INVASIVE GRASS

* Community action, providing both impetus and labour, is needed as both the Town of Collingwood and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority have limited resources to combat the spread of *Phragmites*.

*Seed heads should be removed before plants ripen in mid-August.

* The stems of *Phragmites* need to be cut as close to the ground as possible. Machine cutting

may be required in large stands as hand cutting is labour intensive.

* Disposal should involve bagging, labelling and hauling to a municipal landfill.

* Home composting is not recommended, as compost temperatures may not be high enough to destroy seeds.

* Pesticide regulations do not currently permit the use of herbicides, such as Round-up (which contains glyphosate) close to the waters edge.

* Human and construction activity can transport seeds, stolons and rhizomes. Inspection and cleaning of vehicles, cutting equipment and foot wear should be carried out to prevent spread.

* It may be possible to cut, collect and dry the cut seed heads and reeds and burn them at an approved place on site. This requires an Open Air Permit from the fire department and notification to the Town. Note that burning of an established stand early in the growing season can stimulate growth.

For more information on *Phragmites* check out the following web sites:

<http://lakehuron.ca/uploads/pdf/P.australis-a-major-threat-to-GL-habitats-LHCCC-workshop.pdf>

<http://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/phragmites>

<http://www.nvca.on.ca/.../Phragmites%20control%20-%20best%20practices.pdf>

<http://mnfi.anr.msu.edu/phragmites/vectors.cfm>

“CREDO”

Written by Owen Sound Poet Laureate Terry Burns under the auspices of the OSLT Poet Laureate Program (2013-2015), for “River Walk,” a 100,000 Poets & Musicians for Change event held at Harrison Park in September of 2014.

i believe in the enfoldedness of water
its atomic interplay that under
conventional pressure
turns liquid, and molds itself to such
breadth of vessels
as creek bed glass canal careful cupped
hands

i believe in water’s chameleon demeanour

its accommodation of gaseousness fluidity
solidity

its frequent flirtation with two states at
once
sometimes three, should temperature
and pressure comply

i believe in its insertion into all that’s earth-
entwined

how it snakes its wheedling way
through matter energy relation process
how it bends, and lends itself to
metaphor

i believe in water’s liminality, its taste for
shapeless

and marginal places – marsh and shore
and swamp
its easy inclination to act as limit conduit
or commons
its desire to flow

i believe that water speaks in frequencies

below the reach of many ears
its swells longer and slower than i can
see
its worth beyond utility - its beauty
beyond aesthetics

simultaneously I believe its audible voices to be

many-tongued, and beautiful
a hissing plishing pattering trickling
resounding
cacophonic waterfall of babel

i believe in water’s lack of temperament

its implacable and unassailable
if sometimes inconvenient
logic - its good reasons for doing what it
does

most of all, i believe in water’s indifference to all
of the above

its blithe unmindfulness
of all the kinds of things
i want or believe it to be

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NATURE LEAGUE! THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

By Norm Wingrove

The October 2014 issue of *Georgian Life* reported that the Nature League celebrated their 30th anniversary with lunch and a cake. The Watershed Trust congratulates Nature League!



photo by

Thirty years ago, a group of women interested in fundraising decided to refocus their energies on “the Environment”. The Senior League Endowment Society of Collingwood Inc. (now the Nature League) was born. They recognized the need to educate themselves on the flora and fauna of the Blue Mountain Watershed area and initiated cross-country expeditions and educational walks which still take place today. Their first big project was to raise funds for the purchase of the Feversham Gorge property. It was passed over to the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority in 1967. Another significant focus has been to preserve the Silver Creek Wetland, and out of this struggle emerged the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation. Many Nature League members were founding members of the Watershed Trust, including our first President, Greta McGillivray, Secretary Fran Roulstone and director Mac Kirk.

Today, the Nature League continues as an active group, with walks, speakers, socials and fund-raising. In the last ten years, \$30,000 has been donated to environmental groups. For more information visit natureleague.ca

JAZZ & BLUES AT THE STATION

By Norm Wingrove

The Collingwood Jazz & Blues Society again had a great line-up of artists for the weekly show presented every Wednesday at The Station, 45 St. Paul Street, in Collingwood this past summer. Unfortunately, the weather was not as co-operative this year as it could have been. The June 25th performance of the Collingwood Collegiate Jazz Band had to be cancelled. However, the July 16th, August 13th and 20th performers were smaller groups who were able to be accommodated in The Casbah.

Whenever the shows were held outside, Watershed Trust Board and Committee members set up the Silver Creek Wetland display and handed out brochures and other information. Thanks to Duncan Bristow, Margaret and Eric Willis, Rosemary and Roland Gosselin, and Carl Michener and Blanka Guyatt for volunteering. On July 30th, between Blanka’s two grand-daughters and Carl’s two children, every person in the audience was given a BMWTF brochure and other materials! Thank you to all the volunteers.

BE THE CHANGE FILM SERIES YEAR 7!

**COME OUT AND ENJOY OUR FILM SERIES –
ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
(EXCEPT DECEMBER) AT THE GAYETY.**

Music: 6:30 p.m. Film Presentation: 7:15 p.m.

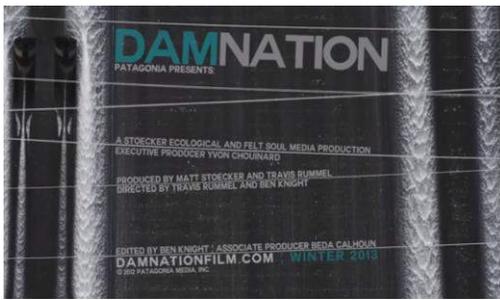
**Contact board members for tickets or buy them
at the door. Adults \$8; Seniors and students \$5**

The film series is a partnership between Watershed Trust and Elephant Thoughts and is sponsored by Locations North.

DamNation

November 26, 2014

Musical Guest: Jason Redman
jasonredman.com



This film's odyssey across America explores the sea of change in the national attitude from pride in big dams as engineering wonders, to the growing awareness that our own future is bound to the life and health of our rivers. Where obsolete dams come down, rivers bound back to life returning spawning grounds to wild fish after decades without access. DamNation's majestic cinematography moves from conquest of the natural world by dams, into a metamorphosis in values and a knowing of ourselves as part of nature.

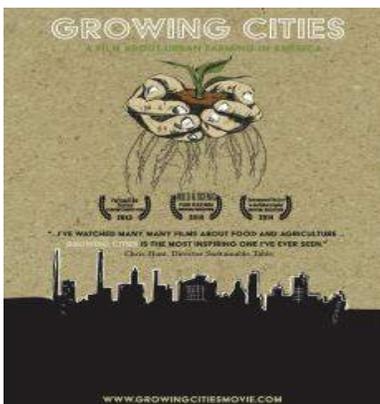
www.damnationfilm.com

Growing Cities

January 28, 2015

Musical Guest: Craig Smith

www.craig-smith.com



This film examines

the role of urban farming in America and asks how much power it has to revitalize our cities and change the way we eat. In their search for answers, filmmakers Dan Susman and Andrew Monbouquette take a road trip and meet the men and women who are challenging the way food is grown and distributed, one vacant city lot, rooftop garden, and backyard chicken coop at a time. Join them as they discover that good food isn't the only crop these urban visionaries are harvesting. They're producing stronger and

more vibrant communities, too.

www.growingcitiesmovie.com



A Will for the Woods

February 25, 2015

Musical Guest: Chuck Baker

www.chuckbaker.ca

An immersive, life-affirming depiction of people coming to terms with mortality by embracing their connection to timeless natural cycles, the film traces musician, folk dancer, and psychiatrist Clark Wang as he prepares for his own green burial, determined that his final resting place will benefit the earth. A spirited and charismatic advocate, Clark sets out to save a tract of forest with the help of green burial pioneers and a compassionate local cemeterian. This film makes a beautiful statement about a dimension of our existence about which we spend too little time pondering.

www.awillforthewoods.com

Years of Living Dangerously Episode #6 – Winds of Change

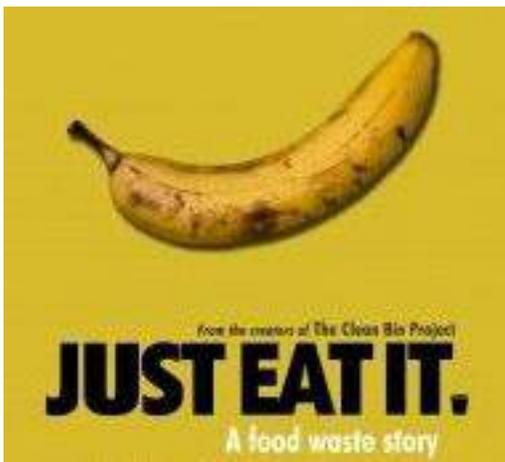


SAVE THE DATE ! March 25, Be the Change Dinner and Auction Fundraiser – stay tuned for more information!

Winds of Change is episode #6 of the groundbreaking documentary series Years of Living Dangerously, from Joel Bach and David Gelber, which explores the human impact of climate change. In this episode, America Ferrera profiles prominent skeptic James Taylor of the Heartland Institute as he crusades against clean energy, and investigates the battle over the future of renewable energy in the U. S. *New York Times* journalist Mark Bittman returns to conduct a year long investigation into natural gas, which has been touted as “America’s energy source” and a way towards a cleaner, greener future. But is it true?

Just Eat It!

April 22, 2015 (Earth Day Celebration)
Musical Guest: Bambalamb Kidd
www.bclmkidd.com



Filmmakers and food lovers Jen and Grant dive into the issue of food waste from farm, through retail, all the way to the back of their own fridge. After catching a glimpse of the billions of dollars of good food that is tossed each year in North America, they pledge to quit grocery shopping cold turkey and survive only on foods that would otherwise be thrown away. Just Eat It looks at

our systemic obsession with expiry dates, perfect produce and portion sizes, and reveals the core of this seemingly insignificant issue with devastating consequences around the globe. *Just Eat It* brings farmers, retailers, inspiring organizations, and consumers to the table in a cinematic story that is equal parts education and delicious entertainment.

www.foodwastemovie.com

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PREVIOUS SUPPORT! It's time to renew your membership for 2015. If you are not already a member, we hope you'll join. Your support funds our many ongoing environmental projects. Additional donations are appreciated and important to our success.

Your new membership is for the calendar year ending December 31, 2015. You will be invited to attend our Annual General Meeting of members in November and receive our semi-annual newsletter *The Watershed News* and email updates.

MEMBERSHIP	CATEGORY:	AMOUNT
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting \$ 200.00	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$ 500.00	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime \$2,000.00 + enjoy lifetime membership	
ADDITIONAL DONATION	FOR DEPOSIT TO:	
	General Fund for operations and approved projects as needed (PREFERRED)	
	The Education Fund - <i>Be The Change</i> film series and other educational activities	
	Silver Creek Fund for protection of our watershed	
TOTAL		\$

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