

Moose Jaw River Watershed Stewards **Fall 2021 Newsletter**

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Co-op Community Food Farm

The Co-op Community Food Farm was constructed at Prince Arthur School in Moose Jaw.

We broke ground April 7th, 2021. In May and June the 3-season greenhouse was built.

In early June we prepared the garden for planting. Including digging and shaping the food forest guilds, installing the irrigation, and planting the garden. Thanks to all the students and teachers for all their help.

Throughout the summer we took care of the garden. We weeded, built a native prairie plant spiral, and mulched the plants. We also installed a bee bath, bird bath and a bat house.

In September the MJRWS hosted the Co-op Volunteer Day, and placed landscape fabric and crusher dust on all the pathways. We moved approximately 40 metric tons of crusher dust with wheelbarrows and shovels. We later tamped down the pathways.

In total the Co-op Community Food Farm has 6 food forest guilds, multiple rows of grapes, arctic kiwis, saskatoons, red osier dogwoods, raspberries, and a native prairie plant spiral. A food forest guild is a "grouping of plants, trees, animals, insects, and other components that work together to help ensure their health and productivity". Each guild was designed to contain multiple vegetative layers that work together to maximize and diversify food production, and mimic nature. All our guilds have a upper canopy, a shrub layer, a lower canopy, and a groundcover.

This project would not have been possible without the help of the community, local businesses and our contributors. For the complete list of contributors visit our website.



Baildon Project Update

The Moose Jaw River Watershed Stewards Inc. have been hard at work. The Baildon Agricultural Water Management network has once again been split. The network now consists of Little Baildon, Baildon West, and Baildon East. Little Baildon's application has been completed and we are now busy tackling the other two. In October, students from the Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Moose Jaw had the opportunity to partner with us to do water testing in Baildon. On the 4th, we gave them a tour of several potential sampling locations in the network. We also had a tour of the water treatment facility at the Baildon Hutterite Colony. On the 18th, Stephanie spent the morning helping calibrate water testing equipment. During the afternoon MJRWS and Sask Polytechnic went out and visited two locations and tested the water for various parameters. Overall, this was an excellent experience, and we hope to continue partnering on projects with students from Saskatchewan Polytechnic.



Watershed Wonders Kits

We are excited to announce the launch of our Watershed Wonders educational kit series.

Thanks to the generous funding provided by the Water Security Agency (WSA) and Plains Midstream Canada we were able to develop 3 fun and engaging educational kits for teachers, parents, and summer camps. These kits were developed for kids between the ages of 6-13+. However, any age can use and enjoy these wonderful activities. Each kit contains a guide outlining 5-6 activities and many exciting items including models, animal track stamps, and real beaver pelts and skulls.

Contact Stephanie at fieldtech@mjrriver.ca to reserve your kit.



Assistance with CAP Applications

For producers in our watershed we will now be offering a fee-for-service assistance with applications to the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP).

\$200 for the first application
\$100 for following applications

Projects exceeding 3 hours- \$50 per hour
Any mileage \$0.50/kilometre.

Please contact Taylor at the Watershed if you are interested.



The Greenhouse at the Co-op Community Food Farm

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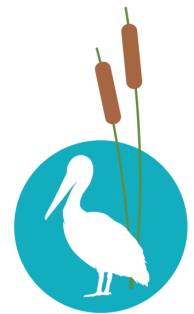
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