

**ETF Final Report**  
**Part one (below) was submitted as noted below**  
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**Submitted October 31, 2011**

**Project No.110254**

**Project Name:** Action planning of the Nashwaak Watershed Riverbank Stabilization and Enhanced Community Outreach

**Estimated percentage of project completed:** 75%

**Estimated percentage of ETF award spent:** 78%

**Anticipated date of project completion:** March 27 2012

**Project Status (brief summary of things accomplished so far):**

- 1) Collection and out-planting to banks of willow, oak and conifer to Ed Stafford Property at McLean Flat (approx. 300-500 Meters)
- 2) Weed suppression and brush blankets applied to same area.
- 3) The establishment of a 3000 Sq. Ft. initial nursery bed and transplanting of approximately 5000 seedlings acquired from CSF and former Old Ridge Nursery.
- 4) Hiring and training of nursery worker (a very fine sixteen year old local student) who we expect back next year
- 5) Transplanting of approximately 400 Silver maple from germination trays to jiffy pots to overwinter.
- 6) Worked with volunteers from "Tidal Impact", a World Baptist Assembly youth group of forty or so teens from Europe and Canada to recover ground hemlock from CFS nursery for transplanting to McLean Flat Nursery see newsletter
- 7) Planting of yew, willow and Austrian pine as windrows between nursery beds. (6 strips of 100 ft each)
- 8) Windrow developed long roadside consisting of five hundred feet of alternating hard and softwood trees
- 9) Negotiated donation of fifty cubic meters of compost from the City of Fredericton
- 10) Weed control and mowing of nursery area
- 11) Published and delivered slightly less than 7000 Newsletters
- 12) Weed barrier laid for second year bed (3000 sq. ft.)
- 13) Development of RFP on outreach educational component (See attached)
- 14) Holding of AGM, which included the first steps (with a facilitator) of Strategic planning for future. See minutes and flip chart notes also attached
- 15) Selection of new Board and redirect of outreach proposal to a feasibility study on the details of such an idea. (Feedback on funds available for initial RFP noted as insufficient to complete original Request for Proposals.)
- 16) Selection of candidate for feasibility study. We have only to approve a schedule yet to be submitted
- 17) Arranged with Northcliff Resources Ltd. for the study of HADD opportunities in the watershed area in the event of the proposed Sisson Mine Project going ahead. Value \$6000
- 18) In further negotiations with Northcliff Resources, seeking partial funding to arrange for a community characterization study of the watershed. Value \$40,000

**Difficulties/Issues encountered:** Our request for funding was for \$34,000, and we were granted \$20,000. and notified of this at the end of May,(Letter dated the 25th, and received the 27th) well after having to begin the work, and having already consumed wages on time/weather sensitive tasks. We had our technician resign in June, and we had to reconfigure our budget while continuing to develop the nursery site.

This meant that the bulk of the work shifted to a few volunteer board members who luckily were committed and skilled enough for the challenge.

We are committed to publish a second news letter and will have to find another source of funding to do that as the first ate the entire budget for the two planned.

Signature:Paul McLaughlin

Date:Dec 9 2011

**Reimbursement for future financial claims is contingent upon the completion of this form.**

**Final report of ETF for 2011-2012**

**No.110254**

**Project Name:** Action planning of the Nashwaak Watershed Riverbank Stabilization and Enhanced Community Outreach

**Estimated percentage of project completed:** 100%

**Estimated percentage of ETF award spent:** 100%

**Anticipated date of project completion:** March 27 2012

Project status:

- 1) We have received and approved the feasibility study (see attached), contracted to Thrive Consulting of Fredericton. The report holds an abundance of promises and challenges for us as we strive to match our resources to our ambitions. We remain committed to furthering opportunities granted by the generosity of Sandra Estey, a resident and landowner, who has committed several acres of land to the development of what began as a tree nursery and which we are now looking at expanding into a learning centre, as well.
- 2) The further development of our web site is nearly complete with a target date of March 30th. Although not ready for public consumption (details are still being resolved), you are invited to have a look at <http://www.nashwaakwatershed.ca/wp/>. Please note, we have yet to inhabit the site with materials, photos and articles and blogs, but are very excited by the immense improvements in look atmosphere, and interactivity. A member at large, Kent Fackenthal has been entirely responsible for all this work on a volunteer basis. He holds our great regard and gratitude.
- 3) Negotiations are under way to produce a second newsletter (out of our residual funds) on the very current issues of shale gas exploration and the Sisson mine proposal. Proponents from industry and spokespersons from opposition groups within the community have been invited and have agreed to submit articles that outline their respective positions. We plan to publish the newsletters in conjunction with the launch of the new website, as an adjunct media for continuing the conversations we hope the newsletter stimulates.
- 4) Conclusion: We are very pleased and proud of the changes wrought this year in board membership and activity, in our improvement in community relations, the wonderful developments at the tree nursery and web site, and as the feasibility indicates, the many benefits of pursuing a program of ecological/environmental leadership, a stewardship approach to land, water and natural resources, the development of

intellectual, organizational, logistical, and practical skills to operationalize these principles.

5) we look forward to a great and productive year

Thank you

Paul McLaughlin

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