

ETF Final Report

To be submitted by March 31, 2014

Project No. ___130292_____

Project Name: _____Action Planning of Nashwaak Watershed: Riverbank Stabilization,
Education and Community
Outreach_____

Estimated percentage of project completed:

100%

Estimated percentage of ETF award spent:

100%

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Project Status (brief summary of things accomplished): _____

1) As part of our proposal to to expand education outreach and engagement...

In November, Paul McLaughlin, NWAIA President, delivered a 45 minute slide show and talk to a group of classes (grade 4 and 5) at the Nashwaak Valley Elementary School on the importance of forests in our lives. The talk was very lively with lots of questions, and plenty of interest. The next day the NWAIA hosted these same students on a field trip to the McLean Flat Nursery, where students viewed the results of poor soil management, and the positive effects of reforestation. The afternoon closed with hot chocolate and cookies outside in the snow, before getting back on the bus to return to school. On the way back we stopped by the home of Sandra Estey which overlooks the valley at a dramatic look out to allow the children to appreciate the scale and beauty of the area adjacent to their school.

More such events are planned in spring to further engage the students in propagating and growing their own sample Acadian forests.

Working with the staff, was very positive and we are all very excited to advance this learning avenue with more outings, lectures and workshops.

As a direct outgrowth of these efforts the NVAES has asked us to assist them in an ETF proposal specific to their school.

2) Under organizing volunteer labour, and the riparian zone restoration proposed for the Marysville Heritage Centre, we succeeded in holding two successful plantings, on the

flood plain south of the heritage centre, resulting in 700 whips being planted, and ten foot spacings, creating the beginnings of a forest, and engaging some forty families and individuals, one in combination with a “Greenway Celebration” cosponsored by the Nwai and FAWA.

3) As part of collaborative efforts, we worked with FAWA to provide volunteers, plant material and equipment in several of their events held in support of the Nwai’s Greenway concept. We supplied all the plant stock and expertise for the Stanley High school’s forest planting as part of their ETF proposal, and as well, plans are now in the works for the Marysville Ys Men to work with the Nwai in the construction of a boat dock launching site behind the Heritage Centre, relieving the pressure on the eroding banks further south from unrestricted vehicle access on the fragile topsoil banks.

4) Stock has been selected and is in grow bags for the development of calliper sized plants

5) Trees were provide for three landowners, who were both pleased and surprised to learn of our facility.

6) Under Key results for evaluation, we succeeded quite handily in expanding the forested are as planned in Marysville, as well as expanding the area in the McLean Flat . The trees sent off with the there landowners, will also add to the stream side forest cover , and also represents the results of a successful campaign to create a landowner driven desire to plant trees on their own land as mentioned in our original plan for the nursery as a community centred device.

7) With the Ys mens club, our work with FAWA, the Taymouth community Centre, the Nashwaak Valley Elementary School and the Stanley High, as well as the City of Fredericton Parks and trees Department, we have certainly increased the number and types of activities as proposed in our application.

8) Our newsletter went out to four thousand more homes this year in an effort to engage the broader community based in the Fredericton area, a segment we feel is vital to both the organization, and the protection of the is river.

In closing we have worked very hard and under stressful conditions this year, but have accomplished about ninety percent of our planned objectives.

We did not manage as yet to get a demonstration river access plan underway for the Nursery, but still plan to do so. The third year bed is ready for transplanting, but the plant stock will not get in the ground there until next spring.

We wish to thank the Department of Environment and local Government for their continued support in this important and valuable work.

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Signature:

Date: March 28 2014

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