



SEINE RAT ROSEAU

WATERSHED DISTRICT

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Pollinator Garden Program in Bloom

This summer, SRRWD was able to provide funding for 10 pollinator gardens at private residences and public spaces thanks to \$5,000 from Manitoba Habitat Conservancy through the Conservation Trust.

Pollinator gardens are designed to support pollinators throughout the summer and provide adequate cover for overwintering in plant residue and leaf litter.

Successful pollinator gardens have a wide variety of native plants (different colours, bloom times, flower shapes) resulting in many different pollinators finding what they need when they need it. Manitoba is home to thousands of pollinators including moths, beetles, butterflies, flies, hummingbirds, and over 400 species of bees.

Canadian Pacific Kansas City Railway heard about the SRRWD Pollinator program and reached out asking how they could support this important initiative. CPKC donated \$5,500 for new gardens and signage in community spaces.

More information about pollinator garden funding can be found on our [website](#).



SRRWD Hosts ALUS National Field Conference

ALUS began 20 years ago as a pilot project in the RM of Blanchard, MB. This July, ALUS returned to Manitoba for the national conference which was a celebration and a homecoming. Coordinators, national staff, Partnership Advisory Committee members, farmers, funders and partners from all across Canada gathered in Steinbach to honour the program's roots and look ahead to its future.



Conference attendees toured Marsh River Farms



Soil health workshops on an ALUS project field in Sub District 2 demonstrated the impact of soil compaction on water infiltration.



Royden Loewen discussed the geo-grid that was used to build a low-level crossing between his fields to prevent soil erosion.



Neil Claringbould offered a tour of his cattle pasture where cover crops are used to improve soil health while feeding his herd.



Wayne Chubaty and Kim Heckert have perennial grasses, riparian exclusion fencing, and water retentions at Spring Bank Angus near Ridgeville.

ALUS Canada Dave Reid Runner Up Award

For the second year in a row, an SRRWD Board Member is the recipient of the ALUS Canada Dave Reid Runner Up Award, a recognition of leadership in land stewardship. Harold Janzen operates Marsh River Farms, a 100 year old family farm near Ste. Elizabeth where he has implemented and championed many regenerative ag practices. Read more about Harold's work on the [ALUS website](#).



Sub District Updates

Sub District 2 Roseau River

Current Projects include:
Gardenton Community Pastures Project ongoing
Dominion City Dam ongoing
9 nitrogen management, cover crop, and livestock management projects
2 pollinator gardens and 1 shelterbelt

SD 3/4 Meeting was held June 22, 2026
Current projects include:
Pansy Pastures, Ford Crossing, and Can Mart check dams ongoing
1 rain garden and 3 pollinator gardens and 3 shelterbelts
3 nitrogen management, cover crop, and livestock projects

Sub District 3/4 Rat River & Joubert Creek

Sub District 5 Marsh River

Current Projects include:
1 rain garden and 2 shelterbelts
9 nitrogen management, cover crop, and livestock management projects

Current Projects include:
Maintaining the Tourond Creek Discovery Centre
1 rain garden and 1 pollinator garden
2 nitrogen management projects

Sub District 6 Tourond Creek

Sub District 7 Manning Canal

Current Projects include:
Froese water retention
6 rain gardens and 5 pollinator gardens
1 nitrogen management project

Current Projects include:
Ongoing maintenance on Fire Guard Road 13
1 pollinator garden
9 nitrogen management and cover crop projects

Sub District 8 Upper Seine River

Sub District 9 Lower Seine River

Current Projects include:
1 rain garden
3 nitrogen management, agronomic support, and perennial grass projects

Upcoming Events

Sept 22-25	Amazing Agriculture Adventure
Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Nov 30	SRRWD AGM
Dec 7-9	MB Association of Watersheds Conference
Jan 19-21	Red River Basin Conference



Summer Students

Nash and Julia joined the SRRWD team for the summer. They collected water samples for the Lake Winnipeg Foundation and Health Canada, surveyed for future water retention projects, and cared for our rain and pollinator gardens and TCDC.



Oak Stand Preservation

The SRRWD ALUS program provides funding for the preservation of old growth oak stands as ecologically sensitive land. Annual payments of \$30 per acre over a 10-year contract are available to protect eligible parcels.



Sub District Tour

Sub District members joined SRRWD staff for a meal at Dominion City Hall and a tour of several project sites in SD2 and SD5, including a unique water retention, a perennial grass establishment site, and a soil health workshop.

Looking for Funding?

The SRRWD offers incentive based programming to all those who reside or own land within the [boundaries of the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District](#).

Alternative Land Use Services Forage, Grazing, and Cultivated Crop Land

Field Erosion Control

Livestock

Fencing, Watering Systems, and Livestock Crossing Improvement

Rain and Pollinator Gardens

Private residences, Schools, and Public Areas

Soil Health Transition

Trees and Grasses

Annual Tree Giveaway and Shelterbelt Program

Water Retention

Water Storage and Retention Projects

Wells

Well Head Remediation and Abandoned Well Sealing

Prairie Watershed Climate Program

Cover Crops, Rotational Grazing, and Nitrogen Management