PINE RIVER WATERSHED INITIATIVE NETWORK

4H Conservation Club 2016 Spring Tree Plant!

The hardworking children, parents, and leaders of the Ripley 4H Conservation Club came out on a beautiful Saturday on May 7th to help plant over 1,200 pine, white spruce, and cedar seedlings. Many parents took the opportunity to pair-up with their daughter or son to create fun and efficient tree-plating teams! Thank-you to Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority for funding the tree seedlings planted at this project location. Additionally, Thank-you to landowner Peter Schlegel for the donation of his land.

Productive Partnerships Complete Large-Scale Phorson Project

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's Ontario Community Environment Fund, along with Bruce Power provided funding to complete a large scale PRWIN project in the Penetangore Watershed on Concession 5. The project includes the planting of over 3,300 trees. 650 of those trees were

hand planted by volunteers from Kincardine District Secondary School (KDSS) in partnership with the Penetangore Watershed Group and Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority. Livestock exclusion fencing was installed along both sides of the river throughout the property. An alternative water source was implemented for the cattle. Next up: a river cattle crossing using numerous concrete slabs which will be installed when the river is at its lowest point in late summer, early fall 2016.
Thank-you to our funders, community partners, and volunteers that made this large scale project a reality!

Bruce Powers' Manager of Environment and Sustainability Francis Chua presents PRWIN with a cheque at the project site. Pictured from left to right: PRWIN Supervisor Don Farrell; Bruce Power's Francis Chua; PRWIN Projects Coordinators Emily Martin and Adrienne Mason; PRWIN Director Jim Armstrong.

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's Ontario Community Environment Fund representatives visit the Phorson project site they funded along with Bruce Power. Pictured left to right: Projects Coordinator Adrienne Mason; OCEF's Cindy; PRWIN Supervisor Don Farrell; OCEF's Demyan; OCEF's Mythili; and OCEF Project Manager Scotty McCaw.

LEFT: KDSS students take a break from hand planting seedlings along the river flats. RIGHT: Exclusion fencing is completed along the river.

LEFT: The alternate water source for livestock is installed! RIGHT: Concrete slabs are delivered to the project site for installation later this season.

Over 22,000 Trees Planted on 17 Properties this Spring!

Both hard and soft wood seedlings were planted across the Pine River Watershed and beyond this spring! Only 8,000 were planted by contracted professional tree planters, while the remaining 14,000 were planted by volunteers, and the famous PRWIN "Tree Planting Tractor". Thanks to the newly installed padded seats on the retro-fit tractor, the volunteer PRWIN directors didn't require a trip to their proctologist this year!

PRWIN planted 126 seedlings at the Ripley Cemetery this Spring. The PRWIN tree planter inserted 21 pine and 105 spruce into the boarder surrounding the extension.

PRWIN planted both hardwood and softwood seedlings over nine acres of property at the Snowbelen elevator property in Lucknow.

Lurgan Beach Blair's Grove Association Gives Generously!

Lurgan Beach Blair's Grove Beach Association held their annual meeting on Saturday July 2nd. The LBBGA presented PRWIN with a very generous donation of $1,500 to help restore the Pine River Watershed. Pictured above: LEFT: LBBGA's Gary Maycock presents PRWIN Director Murray Jamieson with the cheque. Thank you LBBGA!

Honoured guests Diane Saxe; Ontario Environment Commissioner, and Lisa Thompson MPP Huron Bruce attended our 250,000th tree planted celebration on May 26th. The ladies also spoke at the event, and helped plant the commemorative plaque by the newly planted Yews at Lewis Park in Ripley. The Yews represent PRWIN planting over 250,000 trees within the community since our organizations' inception.

LEFT: Ontario Environment Commissioner Diane Saxe speaks to the group. RIGHT: Lisa Thompson MPP warms up the crowd.

LEFT: Commemorative Plaque is planted! RIGHT: PRWIN Directors and Employees.

Change in PRWIN Projects' Coordinator

RIGHT: Adrienne Mason received her out-going "Roast" luncheon last Thursday June 30th at the McLarty ESA on Bruce rd 6/Side rd 20. Adrienne has moved on from her six-year dedication to PRWIN as the Projects' Coordinator. LEFT: New Projects' Coordinator Emily Martin thanks Adrienne for the work and training she received for her new position with PRWIN. Congratulations to both ladies!

PRWIN Sponsorship Program. *We need your help!*

Generous landowners, like-minded associations, and local small businesses have donated to our charitable organization this year! PRWIN needs financial help to implement projects and to keep our doors open! Your sponsorship will be rewarded through "Recognition Rewards" (if chosen), and your impact on the local community will be tangible for decades! Sponsorship levels start at $100 and excel. All donations will be given a charitable receipt for income tax purposes. Our

registered charitable number is: 84618 1857 RR0001. Give us a call to discuss the details! 519-395-5538, or drop in at 86 Huron Street, Ripley, ON.

It's never too early to add yourself or business to our Tree Planting 2017 Spring Projects! We will be working hard to secure tree planting funding in the coming months. Email, or call us to place your project onto our projects list! 519-395-5538 or pineriverwin@yahoo.ca, or pineriverwatershed@pineriverwatershed.ca