



2017 SPRING TREE PLANTING COMPLETED!

The Pine River Watershed Initiative Network helped put over **14,000** trees into the watershed!

Over 60 landowners in the area ordered a variety of both coniferous and deciduous bare-root seedlings through our tree program this past winter. While the majority of the landowners planted the seedlings themselves with family and neighbours, some landowners needed help planting larger orders for reforestation, or windbreak projects on their property. These trees were planted using the PRWIN Tree Tractor and the hard work of PRWIN Directors over a five -day period. Wilma and Cecil of Ripley's "Wilma's Corner" donated space for the landowner hand out that took place during the day on **Thursday April 27th**. The PRWIN Director volunteers sorted the personalized orders the day before. A handy "how to plant your seedlings" handout was secured to each order. Area schools, shoreline residents, and homestead landowners benefited from our tree seedling program this Spring through our stellar funders: the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (through the Canada and Ontario Agreement), Ontario Power Generation, WWF-Canada, and OCEF (Ontario Community Environment Fund), and Bruce Power.



LEFT: Students from Amy Snobelens Grade 12 World Studies Class at KDSS planted 99 trees to celebrate Canada's 150 from the RBC 150 fund. The class then decided to donate the funding that had been doubled by RBC to PRWIN to us! They are now "Tree Huggers!".

RIGHT: PRWIN Director Murray Jamieson hands out White Cedar seedlings.

The WWF-Canada's Go Wild Community Grants (presented by TELUS) provided funding for 3,000 tree seedlings and amenities for volunteers at this year's **4H Conservation Club Planting on Saturday May 6th**. This was the very first time PRWIN received funding from WWF-Canada! Their support and excitement for our 4H volunteer day was contagious, and even though the weather was cold and rainy, the 4H Conservation Club and volunteers from the Huron Fringe Field Naturalists (HFFN) showed up and completed the planting! A huge thank-you to our volunteers who made it happen, and a special shout-out to Valerie Gibson who helped Cathy Farrell cook and organize the lunch and brought her infamous butter tarts.





ALL ABOVE: 4H Conservation Club of Ripley, members of the Huron Fringe Field Naturalists, and PRWIN members on the planting site Saturday May 6th.

Remaining seedlings were both hand and Tree Tractor planted by PRWIN Directors and staff at specific projects sites funded by OCEF (Ontario Community Environment Fund) and Bruce Power! Look for our coverage on Facebook, [our new website](#) (see launching announcement below!), and Summer and Fall Enewsletters for updates on these exciting restoration projects.

Some tree seedling participants donated to our organization, and we could always use the financial help! If you would like to donate to our not-for-profit organization, or donate specifically to a Sponsorship Program Level, give us a call at 519-395-5538.

We Went Under The Knife for Our **NEW WEBSITE!**

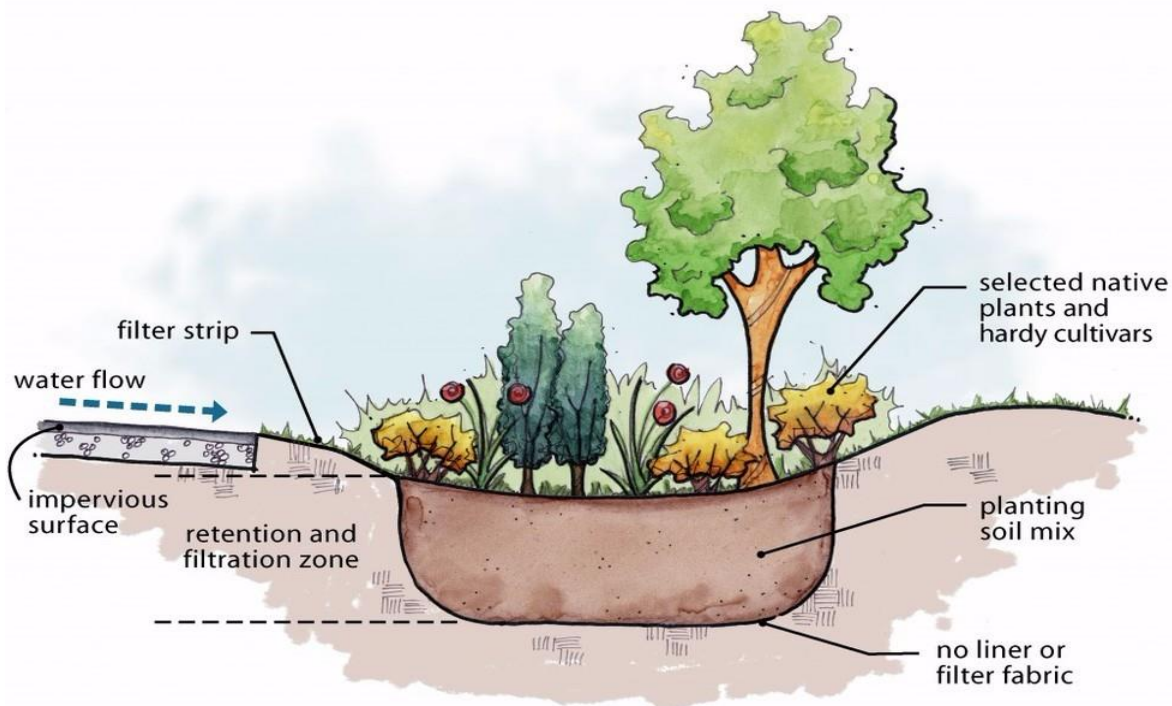


PRWIN awarded Running Tide Inc. from Thornbury last winter the task of remodeling our website. We are at the same domain name: pineriverwatershed.ca but look 30 years younger! Our Facebook feed and Upcoming Events are right on the homepage. More resource information is available, and in-depth descriptions of our in-ground projects are explained. Check out special features like land donor *Dr. John McLarty* under the "Get Involved" tab.

PRWIN Ash Tree Workshop for Huron Kinloss Township Shoreline Residents July 8th in Point Clark



PRWIN will be "piggy backing" the Point Clark Beach Association's Annual Meeting at the Point Clark Community Centre (344 Lake Range Dr, Point Clark) on **Saturday July 8th 2017**. PRWIN's workshop will start after the PCBA BBQ at 1:00pm. The PCBA's BBQ starts at noon and is open to the public! Come see our information and presentations in the lower level conference room covering how to diagnose the Emerald Ash Borer; options available for treatment or removal; and information on our **NEW Potted Tree Ash Replacement Program** (in partnership with the Point Clark Beach Association) and how you can apply for a FREE mature potted tree on your shoreline property! SVCA's Water Quality Specialist Shaun Anthony will also be discussing residential Rain Gardens as well! See **Upcoming Events** on our [new Homepage](#) to get the details! (this program is targeted for HK Township shoreline residents from Amberly to the Huron-Kinloss Boundary/Saratoga Rd, east to-and including Lake Range Drive)



SCVA's Water Quality Specialist Shaun Anthony will be discussing Rain Gardens at the Ash Tree Workshop! Rain Gardens are a planted depression or a hole that allows rainwater runoff from impervious areas, like roofs, driveways, roadways, parking lots, and compacted lawn areas, and gives the opportunity for storm water to be filtered and absorbed before going into Lady Lake Huron!

TREE HUGGER Sponsorship Support From Private Citizens, **SOIL SOLDIER** Group Effort!



Landowners **Chris and Mary Ellen MacLennan** became Pine River Watershed Initiative Network TREE HUGGERS! The MacLennan's are first time supporter's to our Sponsorship Program. Thank-you so much for your generous donation to our organization!

Jack and Linda Campbell are Pine River Watershed Initiative Network TREE

HUGGERS! The Campbell's are also first time supporter's to our Sponsorship Program. Thank-you so much for helping us with our mandate of "Clean Water and a Healthy Ecosystem within the Pine River watershed". **Kincardine & District Secondary Schools' *World Issues Class* and RBC Kincardine's Erin MacDonald** partnered together for tree seedling planting and donated funding to our Sponsorship Program to also become Pine River Watershed Initiative Network TREE HUGGERS.



The **INVERLYN LAKE ESTATES GROUP** donated to our Sponsorship Program! A HUGE thank-you to these forest stewards who are now SOIL SOLDIERS. Thank you for reforesting your vacant lot for future generations!

River Bank Revetment, Exclusion Fencing, and Livestock Crossings Complete 2017 In-ground Projects

A river bank revetment will be one part of a larger-scale project this summer on a landowner's cattle farm. This project also includes exclusion fencing, tree planting, and a livestock crossing. The natural river bank revetment project provides stabilization and prevention of future bank erosion.

Another large-scale restoration project will be implemented this Summer by funders OCEF (Ontario Community Environment Fund) and Bruce Power. This particular project links into a long corridor along the South Pine River that PRWIN has previously completed restoration projects in! This "chain" of riparian restorations will have a large collective impact on reducing sediment control and improving water quality within the Pine River. This project includes exclusion fencing, livestock crossing, tree planting, and an alternative water source for the cattle!
