

PINE RIVER WATERSHED INITIATIVE NETWORK

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*The best time to plant a
tree is twenty years ago.
The second best time is
now.*

~ Chinese Proverb ~

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CityDay.com

2016 Spring Planting in the Pine River Watershed

PRWIN ordered close to 23,000 trees this spring! A mix of coniferous tree seedlings (pine, white cedar, and spruce), along with deciduous tree seedlings (maple, oak, hybrid poplar) will be planted and staked (hardwoods), this season in over 14 locations within Huron-Kinloss and Kincardine Municipalities.

We are very grateful to all of our funders for this year's purchase of seedlings! Thank-you to Environment Canada; The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change; OCEF (Ontario Community Environment Fund); Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority; Bruce Power; and OPG (Ontario Power Generation).

The trees are getting into the ground via a hand-planting contractor; our volunteer directors and landowners, the Ripley 4H Conservation

Club; and some local high school classes.

Watch our Facebook page and the local newspapers for pictures and stories surrounding our 2016 Spring planting season!

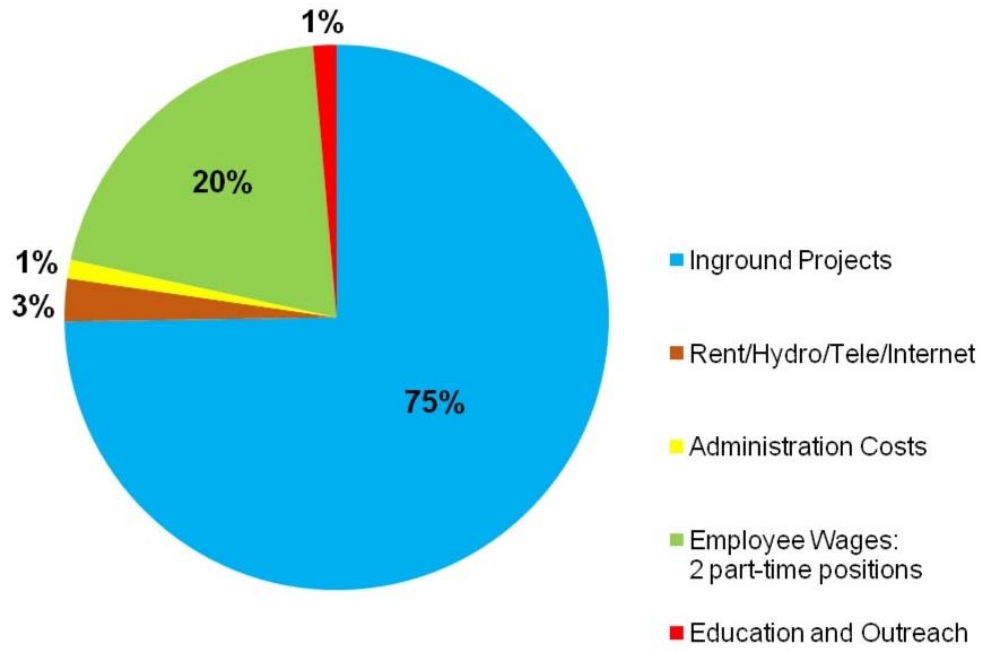


Photo's from PRWIN's 2015 Spring Planting season. Left: Ripley 4H Conservation Club members dig in to plant cedar seedlings. Right: Staked hardwoods planted on a river-flat on the South Pine River are protected with "tubex" sleeves.

PRWIN Distribution of Funds 2014-2015 Financial Audit

PRWIN Disbursement of Funds.

BDO Audit of 2014/2015 financials



This years' audit showed a 4% increase in Inground Projects, and a slight decrease in Education and Outreach allocation of funds compared to the 2013/2014 audit. PRWIN accomplished larger-scale restoration projects in 2015, with focuses on bank restoration and berm creations. We strive to be transparent and accountable with the monies we receive from our generous funders and charitable donors. Copies of our latest audit are always available at our office at 86 Huron street Ripley, ON.

Latest fiscal year audit: October 31st 2014 to November 1st 2015.
Completed in early Spring of 2016.

Above is a pie chart showing where PRWIN money was allocated.

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.



Living Legacy

Sponsorship between

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Water Warrior

Sponsorship between

\$1,500-\$2,499

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Soil Soldier

Sponsorship between

\$500-\$1,499

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Tree Hugger

Sponsorship between

\$100-\$499

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Wetlands on the Way!

PRWIN has three water-habitat and water-storage projects this year!

Our projects are;

1. **A *Filtration/Habitat* project on Bruce Rd. 6. This project will help retain and store stormwater. This project is funded by our generous *Sponsorship Program* donors!**
2. **A *Pair Pond* project. This wetland is shaped and designed to attract ducks and other waterfowl. We like to refer to it as the areas "*night club for ducks*". No cover charge! Funded by the Environmental Damages Fund (EDF)**
3. **Our first ever *Riffle Pool Sequence* project. A series of created ponds will help develop an existing stream's hydrological flow structure and alternates from areas of relatively shallow to deeper water. This will help create fish habitat. Funded by the Environmental Damages Fund (EDF)**

Look for project pictures on our Facebook page and in our Summer 2016 and Fall 2016 eNewsletters!



Possible future "Night Club for Ducks" patrons. Left: Male Mallard. Right: Female Mallard. Photo credit: @Ormond Torr.

Winter Grant Writing for PRWIN

Our two employees spent much of the winter writing grant applications for future projects! We were awarded the Ontario Community Environment Fund ([OCEF](#)) this winter for a landowner project that will feature Exclusion Fencing; Tree Planting; and a Livestock Crossing in the Penetangore region. This project will be in partnership with [Bruce Power](#), who awarded PRWIN with the remaining funding that is required to complete this large-scale project!.

A new OCEF application for 2017 projects is currently being written by PRWIN Project's Coordinator Adrienne Mason. Other grants PRWIN is applying for include: the [Ontario Trillium Foundation](#); [Environment Canada](#); and the [Nuclear Waste Management Organization](#).



"It's a foolproof formula for writing grant applications."

Future Projects Required!

Are you a landowner, or beach resident looking to improve the environmental conditions in your area? Maybe we can help! We are experts in tree planting, cattle crossings, exclusion fencing, alternative solar powered water sources (for livestock). Give us a call at 519-395-5538 or drop by our office at 86 Huron Street, Ripley ON to discuss a partnership with us! Many projects only require landowner "in-kind" volunteer hours. PRWIN applies for funding inground projects!