

## WHERE IS OUR WATERSHED?

WRIG manages an area of approximately 90 square kilometers along the North Shore in Queens County, PEI. This area includes the Wheatley River watershed and 5 nearby sub-watersheds, all which drain into Rustico Bay. This area encompasses the communities of Wheatley River, Ebenezer, Brookfield, Colville, Darlington, Greenvale, Bungay, Rustico, Cymbria, and Oyster Bed Bridge.

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## MEMBERSHIP

Here is your chance to help WRIG improve and protect the watershed! All donations go directly back into the community as we work to preserve and enhance the quality of the environment in the Wheatley River watershed and sub-watersheds.

**Membership Benefits:** WRIG members are the first to receive our bi-annual newsletters, other news updates & articles of interest, and personal invitations to participate in activities throughout the year, such as: workshops, forums, tours, photo contests, events and community activities! Groups and corporate sponsors will also be highlighted in our newsletters and promoted as supporters at our events and on our website.

**Please Consider Joining Our Membership**



**Individual: \$10    Family: \$20**  
**Group: \$50    Sponsor: \$100**

Simply clip this out and mail it to:

***The Wheatley River Improvement Group***  
**2184 Church Road**  
**Hunter River, PE, COA 1N0** 

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

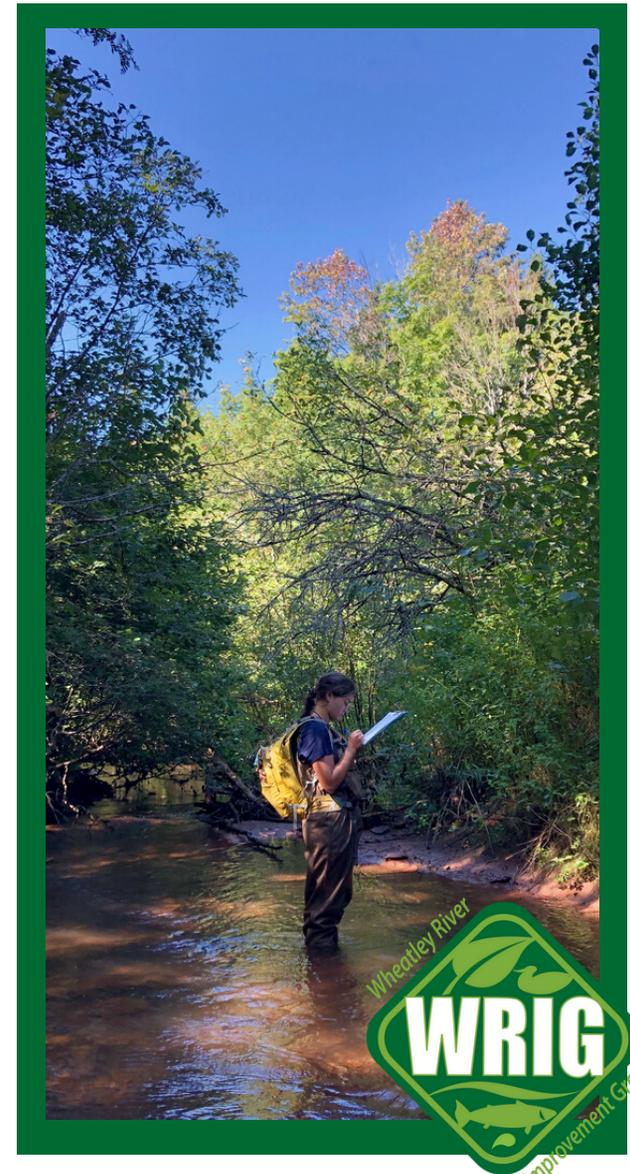
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Add to WRIG's email list? Yes  No

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# The Wheatley River Improvement Group Inc.



[www.wheatleyriver.ca](http://www.wheatleyriver.ca)

## WRIG'S HISTORY



The Wheatley River Improvement Group (WRIG) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization established in the late 1990's by residents of the Wheatley River area who were concerned about the health of their watershed. Since 1998, WRIG has carried out activities aimed at rehabilitating rivers & streams, enhancing wildlife habitat, and increasing public awareness of environmental issues related to the watershed.

Guided by the *Wheatley River Watershed Stewardship Plan* and with the cooperation of landowners, fishers, farmers, tourist operators and residents of the community, WRIG staff have worked on many of the streams within the watershed. WRIG staff have also planted thousands of trees, monitored native wildlife and improved the health of their habitat, and enhanced Rackham's Community Pond - a long time focal point of the community and the site of a previous grist mill (pictured above).



WRIG's Stewardship Plan was designed as a living document. The current version can be viewed at [www.wheatleyriver.ca](http://www.wheatleyriver.ca)

## WHAT WRIG CAN DO FOR YOU

Do you have a section of stream on your property that needs improvement or restoration? Contact WRIG to arrange for a site visit to assess how we can help! Planting native trees and shrubs, improving fish passage, and restoring stream banks comes at no cost to you!

Want to learn more about your watershed or get involved? WRIG hosts educational events for the community and local schools, giving kids and adults a chance to get outdoors and explore nature! WRIG's *Celebrate our River Festival* is a must-attend summer event and watershed fundraiser. There are also regular beach sweeps to help keep the local beaches clean, and when the weather outside is snowy, don't miss the *Winter Woodlot Tour!*



## OUR MISSION

The primary purpose of the group is to restore and protect the environmental quality of the Wheatley River and its tributaries. WRIG's vision is one of a healthy watershed with a rich diversity of aquatic and terrestrial plant and animal life. Since the early years, the group has recognized the need to engage other community members, especially youth, to encourage their sense of being connected and their shared responsibility for maintaining and enhancing the health of the watershed.

## ISSUES OF CONCERN FOR WRIG

We focus our efforts on several areas of concern impacting the overall health of the watershed. These include:



**Climate change:** impacting the health of the natural environment and communities.



**Sedimentation and siltation:** choking out valuable river bottom spawning habitat and deteriorating water quality.



**Erosion:** by wind, rainfall and land use, deteriorating the health of land and water.



**Eutrophication and anoxia:** excess nutrients flowing into streams, negatively affecting water quality.



**Invasive species:** hindering biodiversity in both terrestrial and aquatic habitats.



**Species at risk:** protecting threatened or endangered native species.



**Land use:** Encouraging good stewardship and sustainable planning.



**Habitat:** protecting riparian areas for native flora and fauna.

