

# Have a Riparian Project?

*Put Your Project on the Map.*

Showcase your riparian conservation or restoration projects on the  
**Riparian Web Portal.**

Join the Riparian Web Portal **student contest** and receive support  
from post-secondary students to help tell your project's story.

## Why Participate in the Contest?



**Increase  
awareness**  
of your project



**Share your  
success**  
of restoration and  
conservation wins



**Mentor future  
professionals**  
and support  
student learning



**Contribute to  
Canada's**  
growing riparian  
knowledge network



## Fall 2026 Contest

Contact Michelle Harris, Riparian Web Portal  
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to indicate your interest OR set up an info call



# RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL

## POST- SECONDARY STUDENT CONTEST

### The Riparian Web Portal contest is going into it's 4<sup>th</sup> year!

This collaborative program connects post-secondary students with riparian project leaders so they can learn more about the industry as well as how to use the Riparian Web Portal, while simultaneously supporting these partners in showcasing their projects.

### Who Does What & What They Gain

**Riparian Partners:** They begin by expressing interest in the contest and later submit a brief summary of their riparian project. They are later paired with a student team and transfer the project details virtually. They also mentor and work with students on how to give a well-rounded view of their riparian project. Partners receive the project draft and edit/publish the results on the Riparian Web Portal map. This gives the opportunity to mentor upcoming environmental professionals while receiving support with preparing projects for web portal uploading.

**Expected time:** ~5-10 hours (variable depending on number of meetings with students and project uploading after the contest is complete)

**University Profs:** The contest brings real world riparian experience into the course through a virtual project. The contest is flexible for different types and durations of environmental courses. Profs as well as their students receive free Riparian Web Portal training as well as opportunities to connect to the Alberta conservation community. Profs are responsible for reviewing drafts, grading work, and are provided resources to make this easier. Presentations on the project are optional and at the profs discretion (NSWA staff can attend if requested).

**Expected time:** ~10-15 hours (variable based on length of course/allocated class time and marking)

**Post- Secondary Students:** Get to learn about and support real conservation work while having the opportunity to network with mentors from partner organizations. They receive free Riparian Web Portal training so they are prepared to take materials from partners orgs and transform it into a compelling story that can be shared on the web portal map of projects. This goes towards some element of their course grading and the winning team is awarded with certificates and a prize. This is a virtual project with no expectation for students to visit the physical project location as projects can take place throughout Alberta.

**Expected time:** ~15-20 hours (variable based on course; time for web portal training, meetings with partner organization, project development, and optional presentation)

**North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance:** Acts as the hosting organization to organize the contest, as well as recruit partners with riparian projects, help with student grading and web portal troubleshooting if needed, and provides the free training on how to use the Riparian Web Portal with login access. They also give out the certificates and prizes to the winners, with no cost to the school or students.

Learn about last years contest [here](#).

Explore the Riparian Web Portal [here](#).

Timelines to be announced but likely to start in Sept/Oct 2026