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Watershed Discovery Day, Saturday, August 17th

Climate change is upon us, bringing potential challenges to our water, our lakes and streams, our properties - and the general environment. On Saturday, August 17th, at Perth's Crystal Palace, the Friends of the Tay Watershed are showcasing the potential impacts, and the assistance and programs available to help mitigate and adapt to it.

At the 'Friends' 19th Annual Watershed Discovery Day, you'll find experts from eight regional organisations ready to provide answers to your questions on water (too much, too little, keeping it clean,) and on their programs for its care and maintenance.

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) will be there featuring their Shoreline Naturalization Program – available to Tay watershed residents at no cost for 2019. Watersheds Canada, Rideau Environmental Action League, the Town of Perth, Lanark County Stewardship Council and Ottawa Riverkeeper will provide updates on their services and activities – along with those of our association.

For the children, the Perth & District Union Library will have 'Story Time' from 11 'til noon. At the 'Friends' Fish Pond, children may try their skill at identifying the invasive species of our area. RVCA will be there with microscopes, so everyone (young and older) can get a close-up look at the various critters that swim around in our lakes and streams. Our interactive wetlands display will demonstrate how our watershed marshes, bogs and fens mitigate flooding and drought and protect our wells and surface water.

A morning highlight will be the 10:00am presentation of our \$1,000 Water Guardian Bursary. The recipient student, Amanda Miller, is a graduate of Perth & District Collegiate Institute, majoring in Environmental Science at Queen's University. This bursary is made possible through the generous sponsorship of Little Stream Bakery.

Come out to the Perth Farmers' Market, Saturday, August 17, pick up some wonderful fresh produce, baking, crafts and perennials, enjoy a bite, and take part in our Watershed Discovery Day. The Farmers' Market is located at the Crystal Palace in downtown Perth, overlooking the Tay Basin.

This great morning of information, entertainment and local produce is possible through the generous partnering of Perth Farmers' Market, Town of Perth, RVCA's Source Water Protection Program, Little Stream Bakery, Lake 88 and Maximilian's Restaurant.

We all live downstream.

For more information, visit www.taywatershed.ca

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