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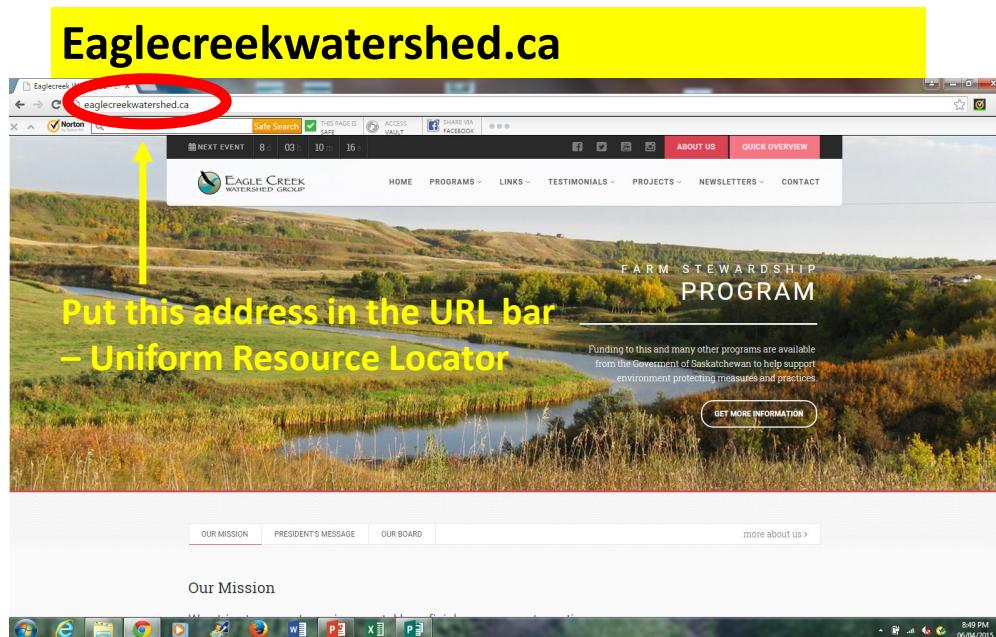
EAGLE CREEK WATERSHED NEWS

WE HAVE A WEBPAGE !!!

At the present time the best way to access our webpage is to put the following: "eaglecreekwatershed.ca" into the URL bar at the top of your search engine. This should take you immediately to our site. The site will appear similar to the screen shot shown below. If you use a standard Google, Yahoo, Bing or other search engine query, eagle creek will appear quite low in search rankings because our website is new. As our site starts to get hits this will improve.

If you have problems call Glenn Barclay at 306- 831- 6009 for assistance.

We will be doing some adjustments to our new website, especially over the next few months. We appreciate your suggestions and comments.



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BENEFICIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES UPDATE:

On April 1, 2015 the federal and provincial governments announced the **Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs)** available through the Farm Stewardship Program have been enhanced. There are now five ***new*** BMPs and enhancements to seven existing BMPs. There are **24 BMPs** under seven categories. **The seven categories** are: Livestock Site Management; Manure Management; Irrigation Management; Land Management; Precision Farming; Agricultural Waste Management and Environmental Solutions.

Livestock Site Management

Relocation of Livestock Confinement Facilities; 60% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$50,000

Fencing to Protect Surface Water; 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$10,000

Farmyard Runoff Control; 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$30,000

Riparian Area Grazing Management and Fencing; 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$10,000

NEW- Native Rangeland Grazing Management and Fencing; 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$10,000

NEW - Carcass Disposal Planning; 75% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$30,000

Manure Management

Manure Storage Enhancements; 30% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$50,000

Manure Application Equipment and Technologies; 30% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$30,000

Irrigation Management

Irrigation Management Planning; 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$2,000

Irrigation Equipment Modification; 30% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$50,000

Variable Rate Irrigation Technology; 30% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$15,000

Land Management

Natural Waterway Erosion Control; 75% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$30,000

Creek and Stream Crossings; 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$20,000

Protecting High Risk and Erodible and Saline Soils; 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$10,000

Native Plant Establishment; 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$10,000

Shelterbelt Establishment; Flat rate of \$1,200 per mile to a maximum of \$5,000

Weather Data Collection and Monitoring; 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$1,000

NEW- Water Flow and Erosion Control; 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$20,000

Multi-Producer Erosion Control; Contact the Eagle Creek Watershed Group 306-831-6009

Precision Farming

Variable Fertilizer Equipment; 30% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$5,000

Variable Rate Mapping; 30% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$2,000

Agricultural Waste Management

NEW - Plastic Grain Bag Roller; 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$5,000

Used Oil Storage; 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$2,000

Environmental Solutions

NEW - Environmental Solutions; 20-50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$50,000

The Farm Stewardship Program helps Saskatchewan farmers and ranchers implement practices that maintain or improve the quality of the environment.

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Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program

FRWIP will provide a cost-sharing grant to cover up to one-half of approved eligible projects such as new wells, dug-outs, pipelines, relocation of livestock watering facilities and protecting well heads. Well decommissioning will receive a grant for up to 90 per cent of eligible expenses.

Projects must have been commenced after August 1, 2012 and be completed and a claim submitted by the earlier of 18 months after receiving written approval of the project, or February 15, 2018.

Applications are available at Ministry of Agriculture Regional Offices and on the Ministry of Agriculture website at www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca or by calling toll free at 1-877-874-5365.

Environmental Farm Plans (EFP)

Environmental Farm Plans (EFP) are assessments voluntarily prepared by producers to increase their environmental awareness in up to 25 different areas on their farm. Through the EFP process, farmers will highlight their farm's environmental strengths, identify areas of environmental concern, and set realistic action plans with time tables to improve environmental conditions. To complete or update an EFP visit efp.saskatchewan.ca. This online, interactive, self-assessment tool will allow producers to work through their Environmental Farm Plans at their own pace to complete an individual action plan.

For technical assistance or more info. on the Environmental Farm Plan Program please contact the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377 or aginfo@gov.sk.ca.

The Farm Stewardship Program provides funding to assist in implementing specific projects. To access BMPs under the Farm Stewardship Program, producers must complete an Environmental Farm Plan (EFP). When individual EFPs reach 10 years of age, producers will be required to review and update their plan in order to continue to qualify for the Farm Stewardship Program. If you do not have an individual Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) producers in the Eagle Creek Watershed can apply through the [AEGP](#) (Agri-Environmental Group Plan) for Farm Stewardship Program funding for select Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs).

For further explanation of the EFP process and Farm Stewardship Funding applications you can also contact Glenn Barclay, our technician, at 306-831-6009.