



# Annual Report 2012-2013

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



My first full year as chair of the Manitoba Eco-Network has been a busy year of refocusing both new and old priorities, primarily through the board and staff retreat and the annual members' forum. The board and staff retreat helped to identify our key priorities for the next few years, which are: to focus on strengthening the Manitoba Environmental Youth Network by increasing its reach and resources, to work on making the Eco-Network a big voice for environmental issues in Manitoba, to develop a collaborative fundraising strategy, and to work on increasing the Eco-Network's value to our members.

The Eco-Network values of education, program support, and member services are constantly growing and taking on new shapes. One campaign I would like to highlight as a success this year was the role that the Eco-Network played in delivering feedback on the Province's new environmental plan. The public forums and working groups that were formed engaged many people and successfully delivered feedback and policy advice to the Province's TomorrowNow environmental plan and the Green Prosperity Act.

The Members Forum is an event where the Eco-Network provides education, training, and networking opportunities. This year the Eco-Network hosted a media training workshop and invited feedback on current member services in order to create a plan for their improvement.

I'd like to thank Kristine, Sean and the rest of the core staff for everything they do to keep the Eco-Network running, their support provided to the projects, and for all their extra hours that ensure the printer is running and lights are on in the Eco-Centre. I'd also like to recognize the work of all the projects, whose staff members represent the values of the Eco-Network on a daily basis. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to be a part of all the great work that is happening at the Eco-Network right now.

Kisti Thomas  
Board Chair

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



There are many aspects of my work that I enjoy, but by far it is the people I work with that brings me the most joy. In February 2013, Brenden Fortescue was hired through the YMCA Digital Skills Youth Internship Program. Brenden's talent and enthusiasm led to a new website for the MB Environmental Youth Network and the Children's Health and Environment Partnership. Brenden redesigned brochures, annual reports, logos and amazed us with his creativity.

Funding provided by the Winnipeg Foundation 2012 Summer Internship Program allowed us to hire Ryan Orne-Zaluski. Both Sean and I worked closely with Ryan to provide a great learning experience for him during his time at MB Eco-Network. Ryan's friendly demeanor made him perfect for managing a variety of tasks at MB Eco-Network including our social media communication.

In October 2012, Canada World Youth volunteers Thomas Kipseba and Patrice Savard began working with us. Over the two months, Thomas and Patrice learned about MB Eco-Network's various programs and activities by actively engaging with everyone in the office. They helped research environmental toxins one day and then transitioned into event planners the next. It was such a pleasure having Thomas and Patrice in the office and we all appreciated getting to know them.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Sacha Kopelow - Water Caucus Program Manager, Wynne Haaksma - Bookkeeper/Librarian, and Jonathan Ventura - MB Environmental Youth Network Program Coordinator. They will all be missed and we are grateful for the ways in which they strengthened the MB Eco-Network.

I appreciate everything that I learn from the dedicated and resourceful team at the Eco-Network. This includes the Board members who generously donate their time and energy to ensure that the MB Eco-Network strives for excellence.

Kristine Koster  
Executive Director

# CORE SERVICES



We act as a hub for individuals, journalists, and nonprofits to access local environmental information.

## Consultations

In partnership with CPAWS and the Unitarian Church, Manitoba Eco-Network organized a public forum for TomorrowNow, the provincial government's new overarching environmental plan. Over 100 people came to hear Conservation Minister Gord Mackintosh speak about the Province's new environmental plan and to share their vision for a sustainable Manitoba. The forum received coverage from the Winnipeg Free Press, and Free Press reporter Dan Lett moderated.

The Eco-Network also facilitated the formation of working groups to develop collective responses to TomorrowNow and the accompanying legislation, the Green Prosperity Act. Submissions from these working groups and specific Member Groups can be viewed on our website.

## Member Forum

We held a forum for our Group and Associate Members on January 30th, 2013. Two journalists from Shaw TV presented practical tips on how to attract media. The afternoon featured a discussion and brainstorm on the services Manitoba Eco-Network provides to its members.

## Strategic Planning Retreat

With the help of professional facilitators Denis DePape and board member John Fjeldsted, we established an excellent process for determining our priorities for the next year. At the 2012 board and staff Strategic Planning Retreat, we established four key priorities that require special attention over the next year: Member Services, Fundraising, Advocacy, and the Manitoba Environmental Youth Network. We developed action plans for each and have been making progress as the year moves forward.

## Information Services

We continued sending monthly email bulletins to hundreds of individuals and groups, packed with news and resources. We responded to hundreds of information requests via phone, email, Facebook, website, and in person. Manitoba Eco-Network acts as a hub for individuals, journalists, and nonprofits to access local environmental information.

## Facebook

Our Facebook page continues to be a cost-effective way to reach large amounts of people. Our 'likes' (people who receive our updates) has grown from 856 to 1061, a 24% increase over the past year.

## Website

Coordinator Sean Goertzen redesigned the Eco-Network's main website from the ground up, with the help of Scott Cairns from Computer Service Group. The revamped site features a clean, modern look and uses Joomla for more dynamic content management. The site functions as an important community resource, featuring green job listings, news, events, and information on all of the Eco-Network's programs and activities.

## Eco Journal

Published quarterly, the Eco Journal continued coverage of a wide array of environmental topics and gave voice to many conservation groups around the province. To view all issues of the Eco Journal, visit [www.mbeconetwork.org/projects/eco-journal](http://www.mbeconetwork.org/projects/eco-journal)

Eco Journal ad revenue has grown from 2 advertisers totalling \$120 for the Spring 2012 issue to 6 advertisers totalling \$732 for the Spring 2013 issue, an increase of 510%. Ad revenue helps us diversify our funding sources and helps the Eco Journal become increasingly self-sustaining.

## Reel Green

We are making some major changes to the Reel Green Film Festival. We are changing the name to simply "Reel Green" with the tagline "Inspiring people, celebrating nature." We aim to make Reel Green a positive celebration that reinvigorates environmentalists. For 2014, Reel Green and the Anne Lindsey Protecting Our Earth Awards will take place on February 1st. Both will be included in the 2013-14 Annual Report.

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# Learning through Watershed Governance

**June 18, 2012**  
8:30am - 3:00pm,  
La Verendrye Room,  
Fort Garry Hotel, 222 Broadway



**Fred Chevie,**  
Watershed Coordinator, Souris & Area Branch PEI Wildlife Federation and Chair, PEI Watershed Alliance

**Steve Litke,**  
Fraser Basin Council

**Merrell-Ann Phare,**  
Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources

Additional speakers:  
Dr Prateep Noyak  
Kate Dykman  
David Huck

sponsored by







This event is free but by registration only.  
Call 043-0318 or email [water@mbeconetwork.org](mailto:water@mbeconetwork.org) to register.  
Deadline: June 14, 2012

The event is organized by the Manitoba Eco-Network Water Caucus in partnership with the University of Manitoba Natural Resources Institute. The Manitoba Eco-Network Water Caucus is funded by:

Brought to you by:




# Protect Our Water

## Household Water Conservation and Stewardship Program for the City of Selkirk, Manitoba



# WATER CAUCUS

## COMMENT/FEEDBACK

# Conference discusses keeping water on the land

As a people, we need to look at fresh water as a valued asset, not something to be flushed down the river



"Protect our Water" Native Plants Workshop



Panel discussion with Rob Brunel of Keystone Agriculture Producers, Laura Rance of the Manitoba Co-operator, Marla Riekman of Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives, and Greg Bruce of Ducks Unlimited Canada



"Protect our Water" Green Cleaners Workshop



Mayor of Brandon Shari Decter Hirst at "Keeping Water on the Land" workshop at the Riverbank Discovery Centre



## WORKSHOPS

### Water Caucus Meetings

In 2012/13 we hosted four successful Water Caucus meetings, which were well attended by a mixture of returning and new participants, including representatives from ENGOS, governmental officials, the general public, and students. Guest speaker topics are chosen based on needs identified by the Water Caucus staff, and therefore expose the group to a wide range of timely information.

#### Hydraulic Fracturing in Manitoba

April 26, 2012

Speaker: Trevor Semotok (Council of Canadians)

#### Environmental Licensing in Manitoba

September 13, 2012

Speakers: Eric Reder (Wilderness Committee) Shavon Sinclair & Denelle Bushie (Hollow Water First Nation)

#### Are Your Favourite Lakes and Rivers Protected? Webinar & Forum on Bill C-45

October 29, 2012

Speakers: Jessica Clogg (West Coast Environmental Law) & William Amos (Ecojustice)

#### Stormwater Solutions

November 21, 2012

Speakers: Sharyn Inward & Clifford Maynes (Green Communities Canada)

### Capacity-Building Workshop

On June 18 we held a capacity-building workshop in Winnipeg titled "Learning Through Watershed Governance" in partnership with the Natural Resource Institute at the University of Manitoba. We invited the following speakers to our workshop:

**Fred Chevie** (Watershed Coordinator, Souris and Area Branch PEI Wildlife Federation and Chair, PEI Watershed Alliance) presenting "Environment: Involvement by Creating Awareness"

**Steve Litke** (Fraser Basin Council) presenting "Collaborative Approaches to Watershed Planning Governance: Lessons Learned from BC"

**Merrell-Ann Phare** (Centre For Indigenous Environmental Resources) presenting "Implementing Indigenous Rights Through Collaborative Water Governance: Some Lessons From the Front Lines"

Approximately 39 participants attended the workshop at the Fort Garry Hotel. The participants filled out very positive workshop evaluation forms and we continue to see demand for and appreciation of these kinds of workshops.



## NETWORKING & OUTREACH

### World Water Day

World Water Day is held annually on March 22 as a means of focusing attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. For World Water Day, the Water Caucus partnered with the Council of Canadians to organize a free film screening and panel discussion at the University of Winnipeg. The event was well attended with over 40 people and provided an excellent opportunity for the Water Caucus to speak and engage with the public.

### Networking Events

The Water Caucus attended 13 conferences and meetings throughout the region, which support the goals and objectives of the project and share the information amongst other water professionals. Furthermore, we facilitate referrals amongst the general public, ENGOs, government agencies and the media on water issues.

### Water E Bulletin

Our electronic newsletter is sent out bi-monthly to a list of 600 contacts (an increase of 50 subscribers since year eight of the project) interested in water issues in Manitoba. The Water E-Bulletin features events in the region, consultation opportunities, resources, news, and links to new water information. The newsletter is also updated accordingly to our website. A table is staffed at public events, soliciting new contacts that wish to receive the Water E-Bulletin.

Water Caucus attended 13 conferences and meetings

Our electronic newsletter is sent out bi-monthly to a list of 600 contacts

Over 600 people visit our new website monthly

We distributed over 1000 publications

### A New Water Caucus Website

In September 2012, the Water Caucus developed and launched our own new website – [www.mbwatercaucus.org](http://www.mbwatercaucus.org). Previously we had only a webpage on the Manitoba Eco-Network's website. Our new website features our comprehensive publications in electronic format, water news, Water Caucus meetings and workshop proceedings including presentations, Water Caucus updates, an archive of our Water E-Bulletin as well as upcoming events and conferences. Over 600 people visit our new website monthly to learn more about Lake Winnipeg, Wetlands, bottled water, hydraulic fracturing, water news and upcoming events. This is a significant increase to previous years when the Water Caucus did not have its own website. Communities Canada

### Publications

We distributed over 1000 publications on key water topics in Manitoba at 13 different workshops, events, and display opportunities throughout Manitoba. These publications included:

- "Around the Lake Winnipeg Watershed"
- "Conserving Manitoba's Water"
- "Groundwater in Manitoba"
- "Wetlands in Manitoba"

Additionally, the Water Caucus published an article in the Manitoba Eco-Network's Eco Journal about alternative plumbing options for Manitobans called "Beyond the Dual-flush Toilet".

### Multi-Stakeholder Workshop

On March 20, 2013 we held a multi-stakeholder workshop at the River Discovery Centre in Brandon titled "Keeping Water on the Land". The workshop was organized in cooperation with Ducks Unlimited Canada, the Lake Winnipeg Foundation and the Manitoba Conservation District Association. Speakers included:

- [Shari Decter Hirst](#) (Mayor, City of Brandon)
- [Hank Venema](#) (International Institute for Sustainable Development)
- [Greg Bruce](#) (Ducks Unlimited)
- [Laura Rance](#) (Manitoba Co-operator)
- [Roy Wood](#) (Rural Municipality of Dufferin)
- [Neil Zalluski](#) (Assiniboine Hills Conservation District)
- [Colleen Cuvelier](#) (Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District)
- [Rob Brunel](#) (Keystone Agricultural Producers)
- [Marla Riekman](#) (Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives)

Approximately 60 participants from different parts of Manitoba attended the workshop. In addition to providing education for the participants, our workshops bring in new participants to our Water Caucus meetings, create new connections between the public and decision-makers, and increase citizen's ability to participate in water policy and planning processes in their community.



# ORGANIC LAWN CARE

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Project Manager Amanda Kinden and Educator Natalie Baird.

## In 2012, the Organic Lawn Care program continued to develop into a more resource-based program

In 2012 Amanda Kinden was hired as the Organic Lawn Care Project Manager. Natalie Baird was hired as the Organic Lawn Care Educator under the Province of Manitoba's Green Team program. Manitobans continued to seek the resources and expertise provided by the Organic Lawn Care Program.

Demand for information around organic lawn care and alternatives to chemicals continued to grow.

### Resources

An exciting addition to the Organic Lawn Care program included the creation of two videos on Organic Lawn Care and Pesticide Use in Manitoba. The videos can also be viewed at [mbeconetwork.org/organic-lawn-care](http://mbeconetwork.org/organic-lawn-care). The Reel Mower Sharpening video, created in 2010 by Ryan Simmons and Y-Eco Intern Amanda Kinden has seen an incredible 100,000 views to date! The Organic Lawn Care program continued to operate the Lawn Library which allows residents to borrow lawn care tools and books on organic lawn care, weeds, and gardening. Pesticide Free lawn signs are available for \$5.00.

### Public Outreach

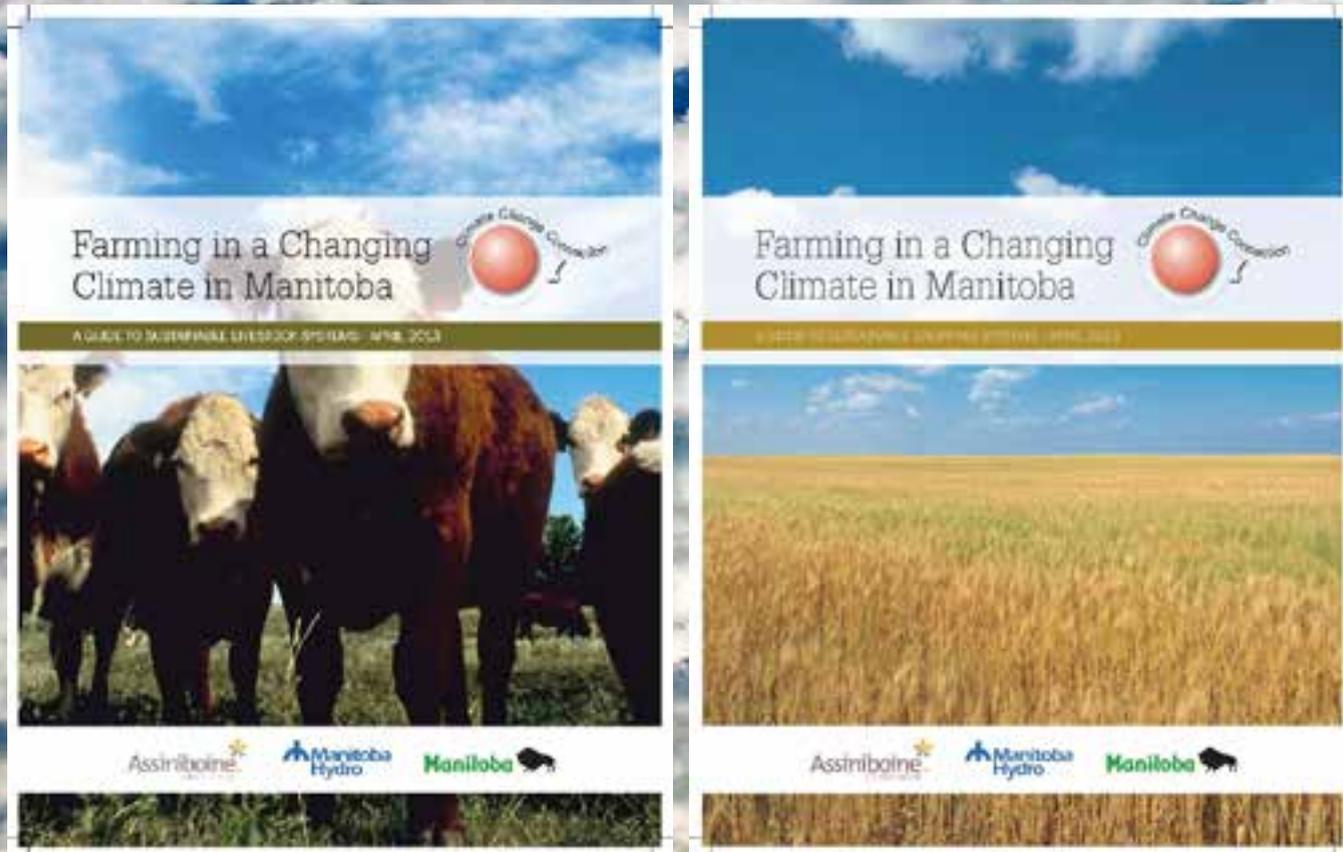
Between May 28th and June 26th, 2012, eight Organic Lawn Care Workshops were hosted in public libraries across Winnipeg. In total 35 people attended the workshops. Over the years there has been a steady decline in library workshop attendance, so this year the program put more focus on workplace Lunch and Learn presentations. Six Organic Lawn Care Lunch and Learn Workshops were held between May 22nd and June 24th, 2012. In total 91 people attended the workshops.

Organic Lawn Care displays were held at various events around Winnipeg. Attendees were invited to take copies of the Organic Lawn Care Manual, as well as handouts on a wide range of organic lawn care related topics. The Organic Lawn Care program also offered Mow Better Clinics intended to teach participants how to sharpen their push (reel) mowers while educating them on the tips and tricks to mowing lawns more effectively. Two Mow Better Clinics were held, one in partnership with Daniel McIntyre St. Matthew's Community Association. The second clinic took place at Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre.

The Organic Lawn Care section of the Manitoba Eco-Network website was updated and now includes four pages. This update allowed for the separation of resources and public outreach information making the Organic Lawn Care site more user-friendly.

### Program Guide

In an effort to help make the Organic Lawn Care program run smoothly, Amanda developed an Organic Lawn Care Program Guide. The guide details the tasks that need to be done to get the program up and running. There are links, phone numbers, and guidelines for when to begin specific tasks. Different from the Organic Lawn Care manual, this document provides an outline of everything that happens in the Organic Lawn Care season. This will be very helpful to the Organic Lawn Care educators in 2013.



# CLIMATE CHANGE CONNECTION

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## Highlights

Susan Lindsay and Curt Hull attended week-long training in San Francisco for Al Gore's Climate Reality Project. Both Susan and Curt have started giving the new Climate Reality Project presentation to audiences. Curt is now a mentor for Climate Reality presenters from the Prairie region. He is also one of the two national mentors for the Business sector. Through Climate Reality, Curt received an invitation and funding to present at the Keepers of the Water Conference in Lac Brochet, Manitoba.

Our efforts in the Active Transportation area continued with our collaboration on Bike to Work Day, Commuter Challenge, and work to update the Cycling Map of Winnipeg

We have been able to expand our contacts in the business community in a few ways. We hosted a second "Green Dragon's Lair" presentation and panel at the Manitoba Environmental Industry Association (MEIA) Emerging Issues conference. We continued to work in a leadership role with the 50by30.org initiative. We have been invited to become a member of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce' Manitoba BOLD initiative's Clean Energy policy advisory committee.

We are on the Initiating Committee that has established a Transition Towns chapter in Winnipeg.



## More Highlights

- Acquired funding from TD Friends of the Environment Foundation to print and distribute Idle Free Zone signs to schools.
- Acquired funding from Assiniboine Credit Union.
- Hosted 3rd annual Green Dragon's Lair at MEIA Emerging Issues conference
- Chaired committee to discuss and develop response report to climate change section of Manitoba government's TomorrowNow document.
- Worked with 50by30 to discuss and develop response report on green energy elements of TomorrowNow.
- Three FRESH videos created and posted on YouTube, our website and on the SHAW TV public access channel
- Held severe weather themed climate change workshop with 42 participants from 13 communities in Manitoba
- Held 3 Youth Conferences at Manitoba High Schools (Sisler, Carmen Collegiate, GreenSpace) for 510 students
- Serving on steering committee for 50by30.org

- Serving on Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce' Manitoba BOLD clean energy advisory committee
- Updated the content and re-designed the Crop and Livestock Ag-Guides for printing as Manitoba farming in a changing climate
- Updated our Climate-friendly living brochure
- We did twice as many Turn You Key - This School is Idle-Free (TYK-TSIF) presentations as our objective
- Distributed 50 idle free zone sign kits because of TD Friends of the Environment Foundation funding.



...Number of	Phase					
	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI
Climate Change public education materials distributed	1890	1397	1687	4588	1937	?
Connection_update mailings posted	20	18	18	20	12	16
(Connection_update membership (at end of period	448	479	824	1135	872	843
Idle-free zone (IFZ) municipalities, schools, businesses	32	24	32	69	46	42
Idle-free zone (IFZ) signs and kits distributed	178	186	294	278	156	96
Information requests filled from public and stakeholders	304	339	184	107	?	?
Media coverage events earned	29	32	13	13	21	10
Professional development & networking events attended	28	30	19	26	25	27
Turn your Key-This School is Idle-Free (TYK-TSIF) venues	4	4	4	2	14	5
TYK-TSIF students & teachers reached	400	792	161	62	1137	465
Webpages added or modified	25	45	41	50	25	28
Display opportunities	22	19	24	13	15	12
Meetings organized or attended	52	132	168	105	144	134
Presentation attendees	1200	1056	3988	2359	1537	2426
Presentations given	30	26	43	34	35	40
Youth Conference attendance	189	270	345	450	270	310
Youth Conferences in Winnipeg and rural Manitoba	4	4	4	4	4	3

# MANITOBA ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH NETWORK

**IT'S NOT JUST ROMANTIC...  
IT'S SUSTAINABLE!**

**Plant a garden**

There is nothing quite so rewarding as eating food you have grown from your own backyard or displaying the flowers you nurtured as seeds. You don't need to have a big backyard - you can plant in bins or baskets.

A POSTER BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL ART MENTORSHIP  
<http://environmental-art-mentorship.jun8.ca>  
Visit our website to learn more about the artists and how to lead a sustainable lifestyle.



**IT'S NOT JUST ROMANTIC...**

- Embrace your creativity
- Enjoy time outdoors
- Wrench it before you bench it

**IT'S NOT JUST ROMANTIC...**

- Share a home-cooked meal
- Use a clothesline
- Share knowledge and skills

**IT'S SUSTAINABLE!**

- Ride your bicycle
- Vote with your dollar
- Plant a garden

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## Mentorship and Environmental Art Mentorship Programs

One of our most popular workshops “engaging in action projects” inspired two new Mentorship programs. Both Mentorship programs aimed to create youth leaders through facilitated, and creative experiential learning, regardless of their experience or skills.

The Environmental Art Mentorship program was facilitated by Natalie Baird and supported by the Manitoba Environmental Youth Network. In this program, a small group of youth developed connections with environmental professionals and artists. The group created pieces of art that reflected environmental issues in Manitoba. The Environmental Art Mentorship also created a series of posters with the slogan “It’s not just romantic, it’s sustainable!”. The posters show a collection of activities from a romantic, simplistic lifestyle that is also sustainable. These posters were designed to be displayed in businesses, schools and organizations across Manitoba. A website was created to showcase the posters <http://environmental-art-mentorship.tumblr.com> and also contains information about sustainable activities and the artists involved in the program.

The Mentorship program brought together youth who have expertise in running a successful environmental project, with a group of youth who are eager and willing to take positive environmental action. The steering committee selected mentors formally trained in areas including environmental education, public speaking, project management, leadership, and fundraising. The mentors met regularly with their youth group to set goals, plan measurable results and finally implement and monitor their joint environmental project. The mentorship projects included wilderness biology, composting, three water conservation initiatives, and an environmental art project. Numerous site visits, planning meetings, and action days helped create tangible results and education for the communities of the participating eco-groups.

## Environmental & Capacity-Building Workshops

The education component of the Youth Network is delivered through a series of workshops that are advertised and requested by individual youth, eco-groups, and conference organizers. Workshops included: 12 steps to an action project, fundraising 101, work plans, budgeting, group facilitation, climate justice, composting, active transportation, how to run a conference, and custom workshops.

## Conferences

The Youth Network is host to Greenspace, a youth-led two day annual conference. With increasing popularity, Greenspace has been able to educate, inspire, build the capacity of youth and mobilize action for a more sustainable province. In November 2012, Green Space attracted approximately 90 students from Churchill, St. Mary’s, Miles Macdonald, University of Winnipeg, College Beliveau, Sisler, Kelvin, Garden City Collegiate, Dakota, Carmen, and Gimli High School.

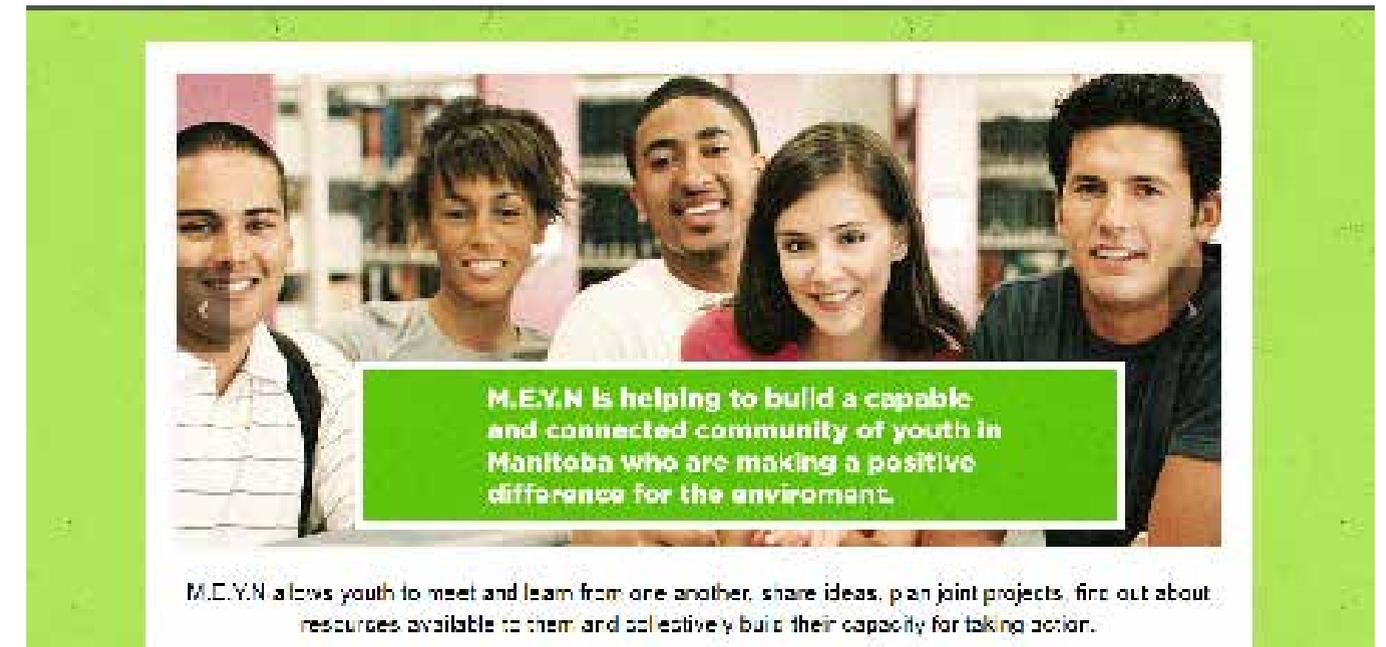
## Communication

With the help of Brenden Fortescue, MB Eco-Network Digital Intern, the Youth Network’s website [www.mbeconetwork.org/youth/](http://www.mbeconetwork.org/youth/) was redesigned in 2012. The Youth Network promotes events, grants, jobs, and volunteer opportunities via our newsletter which reaches over 400 people and our social media site which reaches 1,000+. We encourage youth to work with Manitoba Eco-Network’s 70 member groups on specific issues and ongoing programs. The opportunities presented by the Youth Network encourage youth to develop necessary skills to not only complete community projects but also prepare for future employment.

Going forward the Youth Network aims to increase our capacity as a youth-lead organization that strives to create peer-to-peer connections and mentorship opportunities among Manitoba’s youth working on sustainability initiatives in their communities and schools.

The Manitoba Environmental Youth Network is a unique program that is helping to build a capable, knowledgeable and connected youth community who accomplish inspiring positive environmental action.

This program embraces the ‘youth leading youth’ approach by having a youth steering committee supporting youth led projects and education which in turn unites their efforts and empowers youth.



Top: The Youth Network’s new website. Bottom: Youth hard at work at Greenspace 2012.



## CHILDREN'S HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP

### About CHEP

The Children's Health and Environment Partnership of Manitoba (CHEP) is concerned with helping youth, families, child advocates and health serving organizations to understand and take measures to address the inequitable risks facing expectant mothers, infants and children in our natural and built environments. CHEP's activities and projects build on the work carried out by other groups across North America. We collaborate with these groups to collect, share and improve information about children's environmental health for a local audience. CHEP's agenda and activities are set by the volunteer Coordinating Committee, made up of the partner organizations: Manitoba Eco-Network, Klinik Community Health Centre, Social Planning Council of Winnipeg, Campaign for Pesticide Reduction, Greenplease, and Chemical Sensitivities Manitoba.

### Community Outreach

In July 2012, Christine Kolba was hired as CHEP's new Program Coordinator. CHEP makes every effort to act as a bridge between resources and the community. Christine worked with University of Manitoba nursing students, Brittney Chute and Laura Koslowsky to update and deliver the Health Promotion Toolkit Workshop. All workshop attendees learned the ABC's of Children's Environmental Health, then made non-toxic cleaning supplies. Attendees went home with non-toxic cleaners and a collection of easy-to-adopt recipes.

CHEP is dedicated to providing information that caregivers can use to contribute to a healthier environment. In order to make our resources more widely available, we created a new website ([www.childrenewvironment.ca](http://www.childrenewvironment.ca)), blog, newsletter, and Facebook page. New materials were added to CHEP's ever-expanding library of resources, while past materials were updated. Looking forward, CHEP will continue to work collaboratively with the community and focus on educating caregivers, giving them the knowledge they require to make purchasing decisions which are safer for their children and the environment.



All Health Promotion Toolkit Workshop attendees, like this new mother, learned how to make non-toxic cleaners.



Nursing students Laura Koslowsky (left) and Brittney Chute (right) teaching caregivers the ABC's of Children's Environmental Health.

## MEMBER GROUPS

A Rocha  
 Alpine Club of Canada - Manitoba  
 ArtsJunktion mb  
 Bike Winnipeg  
 Bird Studies Canada  
 Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives - MB  
 Canadian Federation of Students - MB  
 Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - MB  
 Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources  
 Centre of the Advancement of the Steady State Economy  
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 Chemical Sensitivities Manitoba  
 Churchill Research Centre  
 Consumers Association of Canada - MB  
 Consumers for Responsible Energy  
 Council of Canadians  
 Daniel McIntyre/St. Matthews Community Association  
 Debwendon Inc.  
 Ecological People in Action (EcoPIA)  
 ElectroSmog Manitoba  
 Environmental Health Association of Manitoba  
 Food Matters Manitoba  
 FortWhyte Alive  
 Friends of Gardens Manitoba  
 Green Action Centre  
 Green Action Committee of the Unitarian Church  
 Green Kids Inc.  
 Health in Common  
 Henteleff Park Foundation  
 International Institute for Sustainable Development  
 Lake Winnipeg Foundation  
 Living Prairie Museum  
 Manitoba Environmental Industries Association  
 Manitoba Fly Fishers Association  
 Manitoba Forestry Association  
 Manitoba Nature Summit  
 Manitoba Ozone Protection Industry Association  
 Manitoba Wildlands  
 Mixedwood Forest Society

Native Orchid Conservation Inc.  
 Nature Manitoba  
 Oak Hammock Marsh  
 Oceans North Canada \*New\*  
 Organic Food Council of Manitoba  
 Paddle Manitoba  
 Planners Network Manitoba  
 Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre  
 Project Peacemakers  
 Pumpkin Creek Faire  
 Red River Basin Commission  
 Red River College Sustainability Office  
 Red River Valley Clean Cities Coalition  
 Rockwood Environmental Action Community  
 Taskforce (REACT)  
 Save Our Lake  
 Save Our Seine River Environment  
 Sierra Club Canada - Prairie Chapter  
 Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions  
 Social Planning Council of Winnipeg -  
 Environment Committee  
 Sustainable South Osborne Community Co-op  
 South Eastman Transition Initiative \*New\*  
 Transition Winnipeg \*New\*  
 Trees Winnipeg (Coalition to Save the Elms)  
 University of Manitoba Clayton H. Riddell  
 Faculty of Environment, Earth & Resources  
 University of Winnipeg Campus Sustainability  
 Office  
 University of Winnipeg Environmental Studies  
 UniVERT (Université de Saint-Boniface)  
 West Broadway Community Organization  
 Western Canada Wilderness Committee  
 Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre  
 Winnipeg Water Watch

69 Member Groups in total

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Building Professionals \*New\*  
 Falcon Trails Resort  
 The Forks Renewal Corporation  
 FrogBox  
 Greenplease!

Red River College  
 Tall Grass Prairie Bread Company  
 Tire Stewardship Manitoba  
 Urban Eatin' Gardeners' Co-op



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### Core Services

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship

United Way Donor-Designated Gifts Program

Winnipeg Foundation

Youth in Philanthropy grant from Churchill High School

Youth in Philanthropy grant from Saint John's Ravenscourt

City of Winnipeg Employees

Province of Manitoba All-Charities Campaign

Mountain Equipment Co-op

### Climate Change Connection

Manitoba Hydro

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, Climate Change Action Fund

Assiniboine Credit Union

Winnipeg Foundation

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation

### Water Caucus

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship

RBC Blue Water Project

Canadian Freshwater Alliance

### Organic Lawn Care

Government of Manitoba, Green Team

City of Winnipeg - Parks and Open Spaces Division - Greenspace

### Manitoba Environmental Youth Network

Assiniboine Credit Union

Winnipeg Foundation

Environment Canada - EcoAction Community Funding Program

Youth in Philanthropy grant from Kelvin High School

*Youth in Philanthropy is a program of The Winnipeg Foundation.*

### Eco Journal

Per Capita Grant - Brian Mayes, City Councillor for St. Vital

### Children's Health & Environment Partnership

Social Planning Council of Winnipeg

Winnipeg Foundation

Klinic

### M.E.N./T.R.E.E. Legacy Endowment Fund

Winnipeg Foundation

### M.E.N. Endowment Fund

Kathleen Taylor

## VOLUNTEERS

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