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Welcome to River Valleys Committee new edition of **"The Ripple"**.

(replacing Event News and Flash)

On May 12th I attended the Bow River Basin Council 2nd Annual Science Forum. A common theme coming out of the forum is that there is a lot of information/research "out there" that is very interesting but difficult to find and access. In a small way "The Ripple" hopes to highlight some of the interesting information, research, topics and/or issues affecting Calgary's river valleys.

1. [City of Calgary was awarded the 2008 Ducks Unlimited Lieutenant Governor's Greenwing Conservation Award](#)

Director of Parks, Anne Charlton and Chris Manderson, Parks traveled to Edmonton May 14th to accept the award on behalf of the City. RVC's Mac Hickley who nominated the City for this award was also in attendance. Calgary was recognized for: its leadership in raising public awareness of the value of wetland conservation; its Wetland Conservation Plan (WCP, 2004) the first plan of its kind in a major North American city and; leadership and assistance in community-based programs or projects that benefit wetland conservation in Alberta (Elbow Valley Constructed Wetland, Chevron Learning Pathway/Prince's Island, Laycock Park). Lieutenant Governor Norman Kwong was pleased to present his "home town" with the Award. Way to go Calgary! To view or bookmark Calgary's Wetland Conservation Plan go to: http://www.calgary.ca/docgallery/bu/parks_operations/wetland_conservation_plan.pdf

2. [Planting a Seed: An East Shepard Greenway](#)

An excerpt from a speech delivered by Mayor Bronconnier delivered to the Downtown Rotary Club on Tuesday June 24, 2003 regarding the Enmax Legacy Parks Foundation: *The Shepard Wetlands on the eastern border of Calgary - imagine what we could do with nearly 600 acres of wetland and wildlife habitat. That's about the size of 14 Prince's Island Parks. We could build an interpretive education centre focused around the wetlands. We can build sports fields, a water park, interpretive boardwalks, and hiking trails. The possibilities are endless. And some day, this Park should extend all the way to Chestermere Lake and south to the Bow River. It will be a Park without equal in Canada.*

Well, could this happen?? With a dream anything is possible!

3. City of Calgary is presenting a Riparian Enhancement Strategy to the River Valleys Committee Land Use and Development Sub-Committee, May 22/08 at Parks Foundation, 12 noon.

Water Resources through the Alberta Riparian Management Society (locally better known as Cows and Fish) is in the midst of evaluating the riparian health of the Lower Elbow, The Bow, Nose Creek and West Nose Creek on public followed by private land. The health audit on portions of the Lower Elbow, Nose Creek and West Nose Creek has been completed. If you are interested in finding out more information about the riparian health of Calgary's rivers and creeks and Park's Riparian Strategy [please RSVP to Robin McLeod by phone or e-mail](#).

Finally have a great long weekend. It appears spring or summer might have arrived!

Yours truly,

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The River Valleys Committee works to conserve, protect and champion Calgary's rivers, creeks, wetlands and valleys.