



Weberville Community Model Forest



Photo by Nicholas Harter

Model Forest status brings many benefits

The Weberville Community Model Forest has only been a member of the Canadian Model Forest Network (CMFN) for the past three months, but we are pleased to report that the many benefits are already being recognized. Some of those include:

- Membership into the International Model Forest Network and an invitation to attend and present at the Global Forum to be held in Spain in March 2011
- Increased National and International profile for the WCMF and its supporters through promotional materials and inclusion on their websites www.cmfn.ca and www.imfn.net
- Opportunities for networking and information-sharing through an interactive website, regular teleconference meetings, participation in the CMFN Mentorship Program
- Invitation for participation in national and international research and pilot project studies
- Inclusion in the “Developing Sustainable Forests and Communities” national publication, printed in both official languages.

In addition to the direct benefits of becoming a Model Forest, the designation has attracted the interest of other organizations, including increased support from the **novaNAIT Boreal Research Institute (nBRI)**. The WCFA is pleased to announce the signing of a Collaborative Agreement between the nBRI and the WCFA which will see the nBRI assume the role as **Primary Research Partner (PRP)**. As PRP, the nBRI will organize and chair a Research Board in order to coordinate the energies of like-minded research and development organizations for the advancement of the WCMF. In return, the WCFA will receive some much needed core funding dollars.

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What's happening in your Model Forest?

September 25th Board Meeting and Social

An Indian summer graced the Peace Country and allowed the WCFA Board of Directors and invited guests to enjoy an outdoor meeting on the banks of a tributary feeding into the Peace River. Participants rode in on horses or quads to the 'free-air' boardroom to enjoy a BBQ and a formal meeting. Special thanks to Nicholas Harter for assuming the role as official photographer for the event!



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WCFA Board of Directors and guests at the September 25th meeting and social

Town of Peace River lends a helping hand to the WCFA

Becoming a member of the Canadian Model Forest Network was made a little easier through the Town of Peace River's 'Grants to Groups' program. Through an application process, the WCFA received approval for its request of \$7,500 to pay the CMFN membership fee and to assist in sending two WCFA members to the CMFN meeting in Ottawa. Juri Agapow (WCFA President) and Lisa Ladd (WCMF General Manager) attended the meeting, which was held on October 21-22, 2010, and were very pleased with the positive reception from the other Model Forest's across Canada that were present. "We were afraid going into it that maybe we had a steep learning curve ahead of us but instead we were reassured that we're on the right track. We have a lot to be proud of!" says Juri.



WCMF Becomes a Member of AFEX

Following on the heels of the nBRI Collaborative Agreement, the Alberta Forest Extension Network (AFEX) invited the WCMF to become a member of the extension group. The vision of AFEX is to convey information on topics critical to managers and workers making decisions and conducting operations on forested land in Alberta. The combined efforts of the AFEX partners, which includes nBRI, WOLF, and FPInnovations, will add strength to the mission. The WCFA signed the MoA with AFEX on November 9th, 2010.

New German Forestry Student, Michael Volz, coming in 2011



Juri Agapow, Lisa Ladd, Doris Harter with German forest technicians; Patrick Hiesl and Patrick Pflug enjoy a view of the Peace River Valley

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The WCFA is pleased to announce that forestry student, Michael Volz, from the University of Applied Science in Rottenburg, Germany will be arriving August 2011. Michael will have big shoes to fill, following in the footsteps of Patrick Hiesl and assistant, Patrick Pflug.

The main focus of his practicum will be around the private land inventories including field data collection, GIS mapping and the creation of inventory reports and management plans.

How can I participate?

Some brave Polar Bear Dippers from 2009



***Join us on
Saturday, December 11th
at 1:00PM
at the Lower West Peace Boat
Launch.***

Polar Bear Dip!

Dedicated WCFA members and supporters will be 'bearing' the cold to raise some funds for a good cause. The annual Polar Bear Dip has been organized by the Peace Basketball Association for the past 20 years or so and each year 50% of the funds are donated to the Salvation Army Food Hamper program and the other 50% is donated to another worthy cause. This year, the WCFA was selected as the beneficiary in their quest to find funds to develop a recreational trail system in the Weberville area. In addition, the WCFA has offered to plant a tree seedling for each dollar raised!

***Not crazy enough to jump in?
Then sponsor someone who is!***

***Contact any of the board members or the WCFA
office at 780-617-4720 to donate.***

Inventories

Forest inventories will once again be conducted in the Weberville area and beyond, on a case by case basis. Over the past two years, 42 private land forest inventories have been conducted and 20 Woodlot Management Plans have been compiled for the land owners. The inventory work will continue once the new German forestry student, Michael Volz, arrives in August. He will be conducting inventories and developing woodlot management plans over a six month period ending in January 2012. If you would like to have an inventory conducted of your land and you live in the Weberville or surrounding area, please contact WCFA President, Juri Agapow @ 780-624-4529

Landscape-level Private Land Forest Management Plan

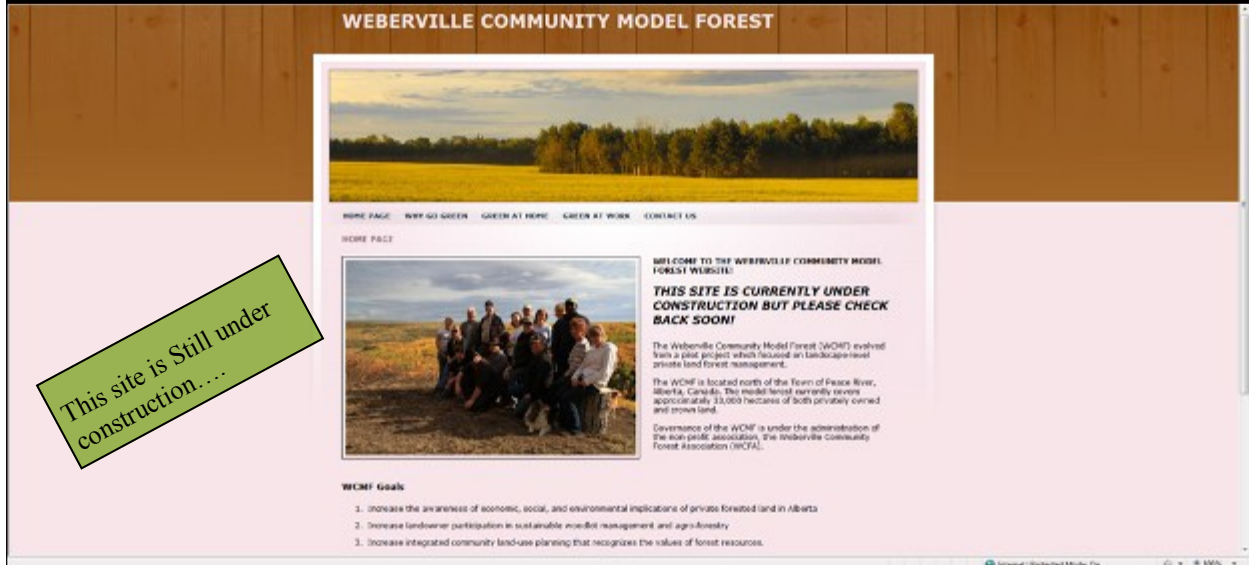
The founding concept of the WCFA was a pilot project to develop a landscape-level private land forest management plan for the Weberville area. After two years of inventory collection, the document has officially been produced.

The 60-page Weberville Landscape Level Private Land Forest Management Plan will be provided to all landowners that participated in the inventories. The document includes detailed information on climate, geology, vegetation, soils, eco-sites, ice age, history of the forest, wildlife data, and other valuable information about the land base.

To request a copy, please contact WCFA President, Juri Agapow @ 780-624-4529.



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