



# News Release

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South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards Inc.

## **SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PLAN LAUNCHED**

A plan to protect and manage source water in the South Saskatchewan River Watershed was released today in Outlook, setting the stage for the implementation phase of the plan.

Harold Martens, Interim Chair of the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards Inc., announced the release of the plan, marking a significant step in a planning process which began in 2003.

"Urban and rural municipalities, First Nations people and the City of Saskatoon have worked together to develop the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Source Water Protection Plan," said Martens.

The watershed was divided into three key planning areas: West, Lake Diefenbaker and North. Watershed advisory committees in each of the planning areas, along with a technical committee, developed all objectives, recommendations and key actions using a consensus approach.

As the plan is a reflection of the concerns and interests of all residents of the watershed, open houses were held in several communities in order to provide more information on the plan and gather feedback on its objectives and key actions.

Martens says that the Stewards are eager to continue their work with the watershed residents in the implementation phase of the plan.

"We look forward to meeting the challenges presented in this phase and will strive to ensure safe, sustainable water supplies within our watershed for the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of future generations."

The development of source water protection plans is a priority of the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority, which has a mandate to manage and protect the quality and quantity of the province's water supplies.

More information on the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards Inc. is available at [www.southsaskriverstewards.ca](http://www.southsaskriverstewards.ca). The South Saskatchewan River Watershed Source Water Protection Plan is available online at [www.swa.ca](http://www.swa.ca).

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