



## Natural Resource Development Network

# News Flash

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### Welcome to the Natural Resources Development Network



As you know, the Natural Resource Development Team applied to the RPLC to become a network. We are happy to announce that our application was successful! An overview of the network is provided below and a new draft workplan will be coming in the next few weeks for comments by network members. We are also happy to introduce our new support person - David Greaves ([Contact](#)).

The purpose of the Natural Resources Development Network (NRDN) is to explore, understand, build, and share knowledge around the sustainable management of natural resources in rural places. The NRDN supports its members in undertaking activities that include a focus on one or more of the following: i) food and food security; ii) climate change; iii) rural community development; iv)

industry and trade; v) land and water; vi) energy; and vii) overarching related governance and policy. The NRDN plays an overarching role in cutting across themes, sectors, and geographic areas, bringing members together around the opportunities for development of natural resources. Our objective is to continue to build upon the work conducted by the Natural Resources Development (NRD) Team (now NRDN).

The proposed outputs of the network include the following:

- Funding for members to attend targeted events for networking and knowledge sharing
- Facilitation of webinars
- Funding for knowledge mobilization in the form of knowledge briefs, policy briefs, and team position papers
- Support for collaborative projects between network members.

This network builds on the foundation laid by the RPLC Natural Resource Development (NRD) Team (<http://rplc-capr.ca/about-the-network/themes/natural-resource-development/>). The rationale behind the proposed network is to continue to bring together those people interested in the different facets of natural resource development. By using the existing team as a foundation, we move forward with an advantage and the ability to build and expand on our completed work.

The NRDN will build on the existing NRD engagement that includes regular electronic updates and newsletters, sharing of information and opportunities, and webinars. The NRDN will continue these activities, but expand on them, including: team meetings (quarterly), digital lunch and learn discussions (quarterly), contributions to and sharing of the common event calendar (operated by the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation in partnership with RPLC), and social media engagement (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram).

Creating Sustainable Funding for Ecosystems and Watersheds

November 15th, 2017 at 11:30 AM Central CST

Rural communities are challenged to bring together sustainable funding for conservation and watershed protection. These efforts have been perceived as 'environmental' work, and not necessarily linked to community basic needs. The first part of this webinar explores linking watershed protection to basic policy values of quality of life, infrastructure, and basic needs to change the way that watersheds are treated in funding. The second part of this webinar will focus on the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund, a tax-based fund for conservation that was the first of its kind in Canada, including why and how it was established and what accomplishments have been to date.

Register [Here](#)

## Call for Webinars!

Are you interested in sharing the results of your research? We would be happy to set up a webinar for you, even linking you with other potential presenters that share similar interests. [Contact](#) NRDN Support David Greaves..



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