



**FRIENDS of the TAY WATERSHED  
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**Watershed Discovery Day, Saturday, August 19th**

If you'd like information on the floods in our area, the importance of wetlands, the state of our local water resources, the challenges facing them, and the programs and plans available to address them, then join the Friends of the Tay Watershed at the Perth Farmers' Market on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Come and 'Discover and Explore the Tay River Watershed', between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., at the Friend's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Watershed Discovery Day.

If it has to do with water, how to protect it, what is swimming around in it, how your local governments and organizations are monitoring it, and much more, you will find it all, through the interactive exhibits and activities, and experts from several area agencies. Watersheds Canada, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA), Rideau Environmental Action League, the Town of Perth, Lanark County Stewardship Council and our association volunteers will be there to answer your questions.

For the children, the Perth and District Union Library will have Story Time from 11:00 til noon. At the 'Friends' Fish Pond, children may try their skill at identifying the invasive species of our area. RVCA will have microscopes where you can see first-hand the critters that swim around in our lakes and streams - and there will be an interactive display of how a wetland works.

The 'Friends' will also be presenting the \$1,000 Water Guardian Bursary for 2017, at 10 a.m., to Nick Nadeau of Smiths Falls District Collegiate Institute. This bursary is made possible through the sponsorship of Little Stream Bakery.

Also at that morning at the Farmers' Market you can pick up wonderful fresh produce, baking, crafts and perennials, and enjoy lunch – all at the Crystal Palace in downtown Perth, overlooking the Tay Basin.

This great morning of information, entertainment and wonderful local produce is possible through the generous partnering with Perth Farmers' Market, Town of Perth, RVCA's Rural Clean Water Program, and the TD Canada Trust in Perth.

For more information, visit [www.taywatershed.ca](http://www.taywatershed.ca)

**We all live downstream.**

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