



## Community Partnerships

The City of Edmonton, through its ICLEI Community Programme Sub-Committee, has partnered with a number of local organizations interested in building community awareness, energy and action with Edmonton around the environment between now and when the City hosts the ICLEI World Congress, June 14 – 18, 2009. These partnerships were established to help expand existing or implement new community sponsored initiatives that maximize community engagement in environmentally sustainable activities. Projects were selected for funding based on applications received in response to a call for community funding projects which closed August 28, 2008.

On average, City dollars contributed to these projects are leveraged 5:1 with community contributions.

### Current Community Partners

#### **Get ACTV – Webisodes of Greener Day personalities**

Active Citizens Television (ACTV) will interview and feature “real people” featured in City’s monthly Greener Days Calendar of events in webisodes featured on the ACTV website. For more information visit [www.getACTV.ca](http://www.getACTV.ca), email [info@getACTV.ca](mailto:info@getACTV.ca) or call 780. 628.7081.

#### **Interpretation of Big Lake Stormwater Management Bioswales and Wetland**

The Edmonton Area Land Trust will educate citizens and developers about the environmental benefits of the Big Lake Stormwater Management Bioswales and wetlands project through brochures, meetings, website postings and developing and installing interpretative on-site signage. For more information contact Pamela Wight, Executive Director, Edmonton and Area Land Trust. Visit [www.ealt.ca](http://www.ealt.ca), email [pamwight@ealt.ca](mailto:pamwight@ealt.ca) or call 780. 483. 7578.

#### **Keepers of Mill Creek: Frog and Bat Population Surveys**

The Strathcona Community League and Keepers of Mill Creek are working together to engage the local community in conducting bat and frog surveys; taking water samples of Mill Creek; producing an educational brochure for the public; and, leading nature walks for residents. For more information visit [www.strathconacommunity.ca](http://www.strathconacommunity.ca) or email Barbara Sander at [bsander@interbaun.com](mailto:bsander@interbaun.com)

### **Lights Down, Stars Up: A Photographic contest**

The public is invited to pull out their cameras and enter the first **Lights Down Stars Up** photographic competition and exhibit, which focuses on energy conservation through the efficient use of lighting within the City of Edmonton. For more information visit [www.lightsdownstarsup.com](http://www.lightsdownstarsup.com)

### **Online Visual Archive of Biodiversity Programs**

Digital Profiles is creating an online visual archive (i.e. website) for the City of Edmonton Local Action Biodiversity (LAB) projects that will educate, inspire and connect local and international interest in Edmonton's inventory of 60 biodiversity programs and initiatives. For more information visit <http://www.digital-profiles.com/> or email [mikes@digital-profiles.com](mailto:mikes@digital-profiles.com).

### **Our Ribbon of Green: A Collection of 20 Years of Favourite Walks**

The Wild Rose Ramblers will develop and produce Chapter 1 of a new guide book of nature walks. Chapter 1 will feature a collection of 10-15 walks centrally located and accessible from the Muttart Conservatory parking lot. For more information email Jean Horne with the Wild Rose Ramblers at [Jean.horne@shaw.ca](mailto:Jean.horne@shaw.ca)

### **Stewarding Our Urban Wetlands: A Restoration Project**

This three part project includes: researching City policy related to wetlands, various aspects of wetland natural and hydrological function and specific characteristics of chosen wetland; outreach and public engagement (conveying information learned in research phase to local community at public meetings and when recruiting "steward leaders"); and hands-on restoration of wetland with native species. For more information contact [Patsy Cotterill at 780.481.1525](tel:780.481.1525) or email [nutmeg@planet.eon.net](mailto:nutmeg@planet.eon.net) or contact [Frances Savage at 780.483.5495](tel:780.483.5495) or email [fsavage@shaw.ca](mailto:fsavage@shaw.ca)

### **Sustainable Business Directory**

Watch for the launch of a new online directory May 2009 that lists local/sustainable independent businesses so that consumers can make an informed choice and shift their spending. For more information visit [www.e-sage.ca](http://www.e-sage.ca) or contact Maureen Abram at 780.435.5683.