

Trepanier Creek banks stabilized by volunteers

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Despite a steady drizzle of rain, volunteers from the Peachland Sportsman's Association and the Westbank Walmart store planted about 80 native shrubs along the south side of Trepanier Creek in Peachland on the weekend.

The shrubs and about 10 large trees were purchased with the help of a \$5,000 grant from the Walmart Evergreen Green Grants program, and tree planting was done by staff from the Municipality of Peachland.

Technical consultant Lorne Davies said the project will have a number of benefits, from conserving water, since all are drought-tolerant native plants, to protecting fish habitat by shading the water and stabilizing the bank of the creek, where kokanee spawn each fall.

The project fits in with the Okanagan Sustainable Water Strategy, prepared by the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council and released in 2008.

The riparian renaturalization project is the fifth the PSA has been involved in on Trepanier Creek in the last decade or so, noted Martha Jenkins, Peachland's Citizen of the Year. The work was done last Saturday in Trepanier Creek Linear Park, where a meandering pathway is popular with dog-walkers and strollers.

Volunteers dug holes, fertilized, watered, planted and tamped down the earth around the dozens of plants.

Maintenance of the newly-planted area will be conducted by the municipality.

It's the second year in a row that a replanting project like this has been conducted along the banks of Trepanier Creek by the PSA, Walmart, Evergreen and the Municipality of Peachland.

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