

Miramichi Watershed Conservation Plan Meeting:

The Nature Conservancy of Canada is holding a meeting in Miramichi to gather input from local and regional partners for a watershed based conservation plan.

I hope you can join us from **10-2:30 on April 16<sup>th</sup>** at the DNR office in Miramichi (80 Pleasant Street). Please let me know if you and / or others from your organization will be able to attend. See below for additional information, and you are welcome to call or e-mail me if you have any questions or suggestions for additional participants.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada is developing a Habitat Conservation Strategy (HCS) for the Miramichi Watershed in New Brunswick in partnership with the Eastern Habitat Joint Venture (EHJV). Habitat Conservation Strategies are intended to identify high priority areas for conservation in a given watershed and outline a list of actions that are required to improve or maintain the health of the ecosystems and species that live in this region. This includes actions related to land acquisition, stewardship, education and awareness, research and monitoring, etc.

We are inviting input from stakeholders. We are specifically soliciting comments on the accuracy and comprehensiveness of identified threats to ecosystems and species in the region, as well as the actions that will be or should be undertaken to abate these threats. This is an opportunity to compile a comprehensive list of what groups in this region are working on that contribute to the health of the Miramichi Watershed's biodiversity. This project will also identify the knowledge and information gaps that exist to get a better sense what projects are needed in the future to abate current and emerging threats.

Regards,  
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