

Who We Are

The **Northeast Avalon ACAP** works with communities, government agencies, university researchers, volunteer groups and businesses to protect and enhance our natural surroundings. The **Northeast Avalon ACAP's** main focus is on the freshwater ecosystems and coastal areas of the Northeast Avalon, an area that runs north of the Witless Bay Line to Cape St. Francis. It includes Bell Island, Holyrood and Bay Bulls.

By raising the profile of the Waterford River and its inherent value to the environmental health of the community, The **Rotary Club of Waterford Valley** motivates all levels of government and volunteer groups to take an active role in the restoration and preservation of the **Waterford Valley's** natural beauty.

The Waterford River Maintaining Natural Beauty in an Urban Landscape

Waterford River Quick Facts

- The river has a drainage basin comprising an area of 72 km².
- Its major tributary is **South Brook**, which extends 6 km, from the Southlands area of **St. John's to the eastern edge of Bowring Park**
- It is home to many species of fish, most notably brown trout, as well as birds and small mammals including osprey and otters.
- The **Waterford River Walk (T'Rail East) walking trail** is 10 km long, beginning in downtown **St. John's** near the historic **Newfoundland Railway Station** and ending at **Octagon Pond, Paradise**.
- The Waterford River flows through scenic **Bowring Park**, the popular duck pond is part of the Waterford River
- Groups like the **Rotary Club of the Waterford Valley** have instituted a system of walking trails and bridges to showcase the Waterford River and make it more accessible and enjoyable for residents.

The Waterford River begins its journey in the rapidly growing Town of **Paradise**, with its origins in **Bremigan's Pond** and **Brazil Pond**. The river follows a meandering route through the **City of Mount Pearl** and into the **City of St. John's**, where it moves through the beautiful **Waterford Valley** before it empties into the west end of **St. John's Harbour**, 12 km from its origins.

The Waterford River area offers a robust landscape of wildlife habitat and scenic walking trails through the heart of **three of the Northeast Avalon's largest communities**.

In a time of unprecedented growth and development, this beautiful urban green space provides **valuable natural habitat**



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How You Can Help:

- Enjoy the walking trails that are available along the Waterford River and become familiar with groups such as the Rotary Club of the Waterford Valley, who are dedicated to enhancing the Waterford River.
- Take pictures of the river and share them with the Northeast Avalon ACAP and the rest of the world by emailing them to info@naacap.ca.
- Let the Northeast Avalon ACAP know about problem areas of the river. If you see **sewage inputs**, **garbage**, **falling gabion walls**, **erosion of riverbanks**, or anything else that is of concern, please contact us.
- Like us on Facebook and watch our website for volunteer opportunities.
- Contact the Northeast Avalon ACAP to pick up your copy of Freshwater Joys, a handbook for enjoying and protecting your freshwater shoreline.

The Waterford River, a beautiful urban river and home to a variety of species, is under stress from unprecedented growth and development on the Northeast Avalon Peninsula.

Unfortunately, this corridor of green space through three of the largest municipalities on the island, has been used as a dumpsite for **garbage** and **construction waste**, and has been known to receive inflows from **municipal sewers**.

The Waterford River needs your help to become the healthy urban green space that we can all be proud of. If you have seen illegal dumping, encroachment or destruction in the 15 meter buffer zone surrounding the river, sewage inflows, or any other threat to the rivers health, we want to know about it. Visit naacap.ca for more information on how YOU can help restore this river to its natural beauty.

While we still have some work to do, the Waterford River has countless sites of extraordinary beauty that can be enjoyed right now! Take a walk on the Waterford River and discover all the waterfalls and wetlands along the way. Send us your pictures and we will add them to our ever growing photographic map of the Waterford River.



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