



We encourage your participation in the planning process.

Please attend one of our Open Houses and share your concerns and ideas with us:

**October 21, 2008 – Cowan Community Centre**

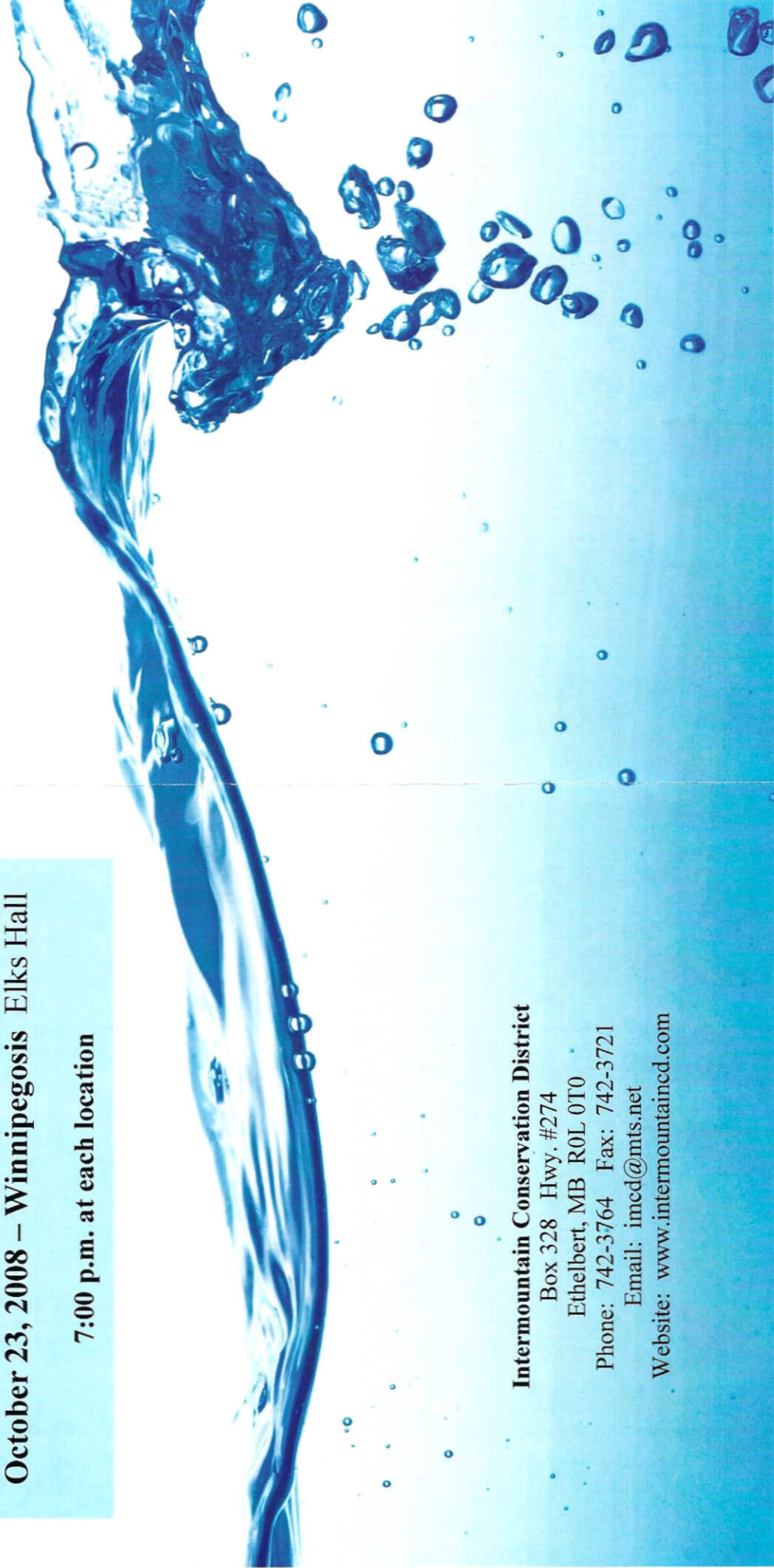
**October 22, 2008 – Garland Hall**

**October 23, 2008 – Winnipegosis Elks Hall**

**7:00 p.m. at each location**

## ***INTEGRATED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN***

What is the point of all this?



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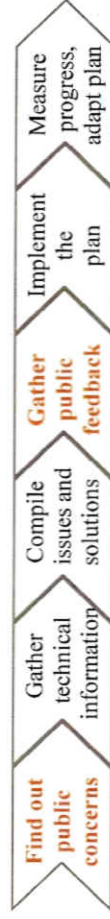
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## Watershed planning:

- Provides community members with a **voice** in protecting and restoring watershed resources that are important to them.
- Helps conservation districts prioritize limited resources.
- Groups with a watershed plan have access to a greater number of resources for project implementation.
- Provides a structure for targeting geographic areas for protection to maximize the efficiency of community planning efforts.
- Provides a baseline or a benchmark for measuring the success of management efforts.
- Prevention and planning is less costly than restoration.
- Helps build **community awareness** and sense of place.

## The Planning Process

The **planning** process typically takes around **two years**, however, the plan continually evolves as progress is measured and objectives are reached. All residents and stakeholders in the watershed are asked to attend an initial public consultation to identify and discuss concerns in the watershed. An additional public consultation will occur next spring, so the planning team can get feedback from the public to see if we've adequately captured public concerns.



## An integrated watershed management plan, or

'IWMP,' is like a **roadmap** for your watershed.

Watershed planning is a process to promote the coordinated development and management of water, land and related resources on a watershed basis.

The termed '**integrated**' is used to reflect nature of this planning process. The needs of water users today are integrated with the needs of water users of the future. Technical information is integrated with local input. An integrated plan reflects the conflicting needs and issues of the real world.

## In a watershed

A watershed is an area of land that drains to a common point. Water moves downstream through a watershed, and any activity that affects water quality, quantity, or rate of movement at one location will effect locations downstream. Because of this relationship, watersheds are considered the most appropriate units for managing water.