



## SWIFT CURRENT CREEK *Watershed Stewards*

### Recreational Water Use

The Swift Current Creek Watershed is the area of land that drains water into Swift Current Creek, beginning just northeast of Eastend and emptying into the South Saskatchewan River north of Stewart Valley (map on back). Heavy development in the watershed creates many different demands on water supply resulting in fluctuating creek flows and reservoir levels, which may affect recreational uses.

### Did you know that? ...

1. The shores of Duncairn Reservoir and Lac Pelletier hold more than 450 cottages.
2. The watershed contains two regional parks (Lac Pelletier and Pine Cree) and one urban park (Chinook Parkway).
3. Recreational activities like fishing, hunting, swimming and boating involve thousands of people and can generate hundreds of thousands of dollars of economic activity.
4. Nutrient levels that impact water quality and cause algae growth, such as nitrogen and phosphorus, may occur naturally but may also be increased through recreational use and agricultural runoff.
5. Healthy riparian habitat, the naturally vegetated shores and banks of a stream or lake, is essential to maintaining good water quality.
6. Excavating or importing dirt, gravel or other materials into or adjacent to a stream or lake may damage the riparian habitat and may decrease water quality.
7. Before you plan to work in or adjacent to a water course, you may require a Shoreline Alteration Permit. Contact your local Sask Environment office for more information.
8. Dumping or leaking of pollutants, such as petroleum products, chemical, or sewage into streams or on adjacent shorelines may decrease lake, stream and well water quality.
9. Approved and authorized sewage disposal systems are required by all individuals, particularly within shoreline areas. Contact your local Health District or RM office for information.
10. Property values increase when the lake and shoreline are healthy.

### Who are the watershed stewards?

The Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards are a not-for-profit group that promote awareness of water-related issues for the Swift Current Creek Watershed. For more information, please contact Cher King, Watershed Coordinator at 778-5007.

