

# Atlantic Watershed Stewardship Showcase May 2015: Resources & Support needed in Atlantic Canada



Resources	Governance
Continued networking events among Atlantic stewardship organizations to share knowledge and resources	Tangible management linkages with governments
Continuation of the Community-Based Environmental Monitoring Network and its resources (Equipment Bank, database, training course)	Integrated management – actual implementation and engagement of broad network of mixed stakeholders – formal governance model(s) to coordinate this
Methods & guidelines for communicating results of data collection ( <i>*CBEMN with the WWF Loblaw Water Fund and CARP are producing a report card template in 2015 that will be freely available for anyone to use as a standard format</i> )	Watershed Alliance between Atlantic provinces? (Each individual province needs one as well - NS and NFLD need to establish one, PEI and NB already have one) Both scales of alliances can help member orgs with insurance, public relations, a unified voice with governments etc. - creates a platform for communication between stewardship orgs with media and the government
Resources to move into other areas of monitoring	Multi-scalar governance – connect with big-picture, national initiatives like <a href="#">Our Living Waters</a>
Economic model to support watershed orgs long-term ex: NB Environmental Trust Fund or BC Real Estate Foundation	Move from thinking in tri-level governance into a 4 layer system including Aboriginal governance



*“We need to move away from the ‘Black box’ of data collection and show the general public the overarching idea of watershed health.”*  
 – Christine Ward-Paige, Research Associate

*“Government funding programs are rewarding organizations that are actively engaged in partnerships – could we find a way to establish a collaborative structure among us to be prepared for funding proposals?”*  
 – Jocelyn Rankin – Ecology Action Centre

