

Shout Out to Watershed Heroes! Stan Walker

Stan Walker - Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation (KWEF) Board member

KWEF is divided into 7 Committees – Education, Planning & Development, Environmental Issues, Data Gathering, Communications, Membership and fundraising - working together to protect the unique natural ecosystems of the Magnetawan Watershed for generations to come.

Stan Walker has taken an active role in the work of the Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation (KWEF) since 2009. He has served on the Board of Directors as a Director, Secretary/Treasurer, and Chairperson over the years, and continues to serve in these roles.



Waterloo University students sampling (Stan is supervising, not in the picture)

Stan manages KWEF's surface water quality monitoring program with the help of volunteers. The program involves sampling surface water for various elements on 15 local lakes and one tributary which is the outflow out of the defunct Ontario graphite mine site. Stan keeps records for each year so that long term trends can be seen. In addition, he makes sure that new Lake

Partner samplers are found if a lake is no longer being sampled for that program. Lake Partner results are recorded for our local lakes and our KWEF data and the Lake Partners data is uploaded to the KWEF website, <u>www.kwef.ca</u>.

Stan also maintains a weather station on Clam Lake checking for possible effects of climate change on water quality. He speaks at Cottage Association Annual meetings and supports KWEF's educational role as well. He is a dedicated and remarkable volunteer!

As part of our 50th anniversary we're proud to recognize you Stan as a Watershed Hero!

