

Friends of the Salmon River Present
Watershed CPR

CPR means: Conservation, Protection, and Recreation -- Goals of FSR.

On March 14 in Northbrook, 29 March in Tamworth, 12 April in Arden, and 18 April in Lonsdale, John Liggett and Gray Merriam, as representatives of the FSR Board, gave oral and PowerPoint presentations that summarized what FSR has done. Then the users of the watershed were asked what they would like to see FSR do in the future.

Most frequent suggestions were related to:

- water quality
- shoreline restoration
- wetland management
- habitat restoration
- forest cover
- recreational uses of the watershed

Additional suggestions from the audiences included:

- ✓ plant only native plants and protect against invasive plants
- ✓ recreation includes: walking, swimming, canoe/kayak
- ✓ ensure that recreational uses are environmentally friendly
- ✓ monitor increasing development and recreational on river
- ✓ balance sustainable development and natural environment
- ✓ create more public access points along the river
- ✓ plan access for educational purposes
- ✓ expand forest/shrub cover, especially in the south
- ✓ get better data on ground water flows and recharge areas
- ✓ get water level records and a flow budget for the watershed
- ✓ power generation from the river should not harm the river

Actions suggested for FSR featured:

- educate students, the public and decision-makers
- projects to help educate students and volunteers
- provide information to guide official leadership
- encourage watershed planning in Official Plans
- encourage leadership at all levels of government
- identify areas of the watershed for early attention
- lobby for and contribute to water quality monitoring
- facilitate septic re-inspection
- help agencies enforce existing regulations
- encourage teamwork of users, groups and agencies
- show watershed value of specific crown lands