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# Conservation Connections

## Winter Newsletter, 2017

*The Edmonton and Area Land Trust (EALT) is the Capital Region's Nature Conservancy.*

### Exciting Developments for EALT!



We're really excited about some new land securements at EALT! Here's a sneak peek at a big, early Christmas gift. We'll give you a hint: it's timely that we're celebrating our 10th anniversary next year (think about how many [conservation areas](#) we already have). Stay tuned to find out more in the New Year!

### Holiday Shopping and Supporting EALT at the same time



Purchase your Holiday Cards from our [Online Shop](#) in honour of a loved one, or check out our other great gift ideas. We have a recipe book featuring local ingredients, or our Nature Kit for Kids which are currently discounted, just to name a few! [Learn 5 ways to support EALT right now.](#)

### Beaver Hills Moraine now the second UNESCO Biosphere in Alberta



Beaver Hills Moraine was recently designated as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, the second in Alberta!

EALT was recognized in the designation ceremonies as a founding partner in the Beaver Hills Initiative, and has three conservation areas within the boundary of the Biosphere: [Ministik](#), [Hicks](#) and [Golden Ranches](#), and another in progress. Read more about this exciting news [in our blog](#).

### Stewardship doesn't stop in the winter!



An enthusiastic group of volunteers braved the snow and cold at Pipestone Creek and scoured the forest for Black Knot Fungus and we conquered! Read more about our experience [here](#).





### Larch Sanctuary: A Place for Shinrin-Yoku



[Larch Sanctuary](#) has been getting some recognition as a place to relax, and for reflective 'forest bathing.' We are pleased that it is a place for city dwellers to escape the bustle of urban life and to reconnect with nature. [An article](#) was featured in the Examiner and a [guest blog](#) by Suzanne Klein explains what forest bathing is and its many benefits.

### Meet Our Interns



We'd like to send a warm welcome to our three new interns – Shawny Eckert, Rannee Liu and Cassie Breton. They have accepted SCiP interships as our Social Media, Conservation Science Communications and Bird Data Collection Interns, respectively. EALT is grateful for the rewarding partnership with [SCiP](#), and the meaningful opportunities it creates for students, while helping us continue to steward our conservation areas.

We asked each of interns what their favourite place in Edmonton was and they all agreed that Edmonton's river valley and ravine system is the place to be. Shawny's is Hawrelak Park, Rannee's is the Wedgewood Ravine, and Cassie loves the Whitemud Creek Ravine. They chose them because they are all scenic places where you can enjoy time in nature. Read more about them in [our blog](#).

### Youth Advisory Committee



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EALT is excited to be unveiling plans for a Youth Advisory Committee. The committee will be made up of environmentally enthusiastic youth who will have the chance to contribute ideas and perspectives on outreach and conservation in the Edmonton region. Stay tuned for more information!

### New Campaign: Sponsor a Species



By donating to Sponsor a Species, you are helping conserve habitat for wildlife. Choose from 8 species and receive a Photo eCard to commemorate a gift of nature conservation this giving season. [Donate today!](#)

