



Media Release

Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral

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WATERMARK

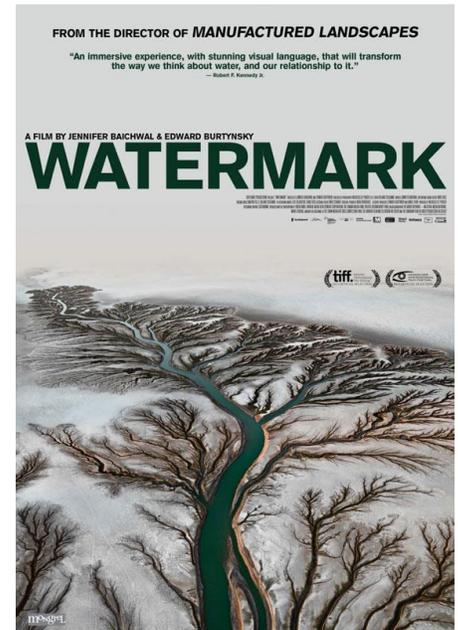
“An immersive experience, with stunning visual language, that will transform the way we think about water, and our relationship to it”...– Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

Eden Mills...On Saturday, April 22, marking the **Eden Mills celebration of Earth Day**, the Canadian feature documentary **WATERMARK**, from multiple-award winning filmmakers **Jennifer Baichwal** and **Nick de Pencier**, and renowned photographer **Edward Burtynsky**, will be screened at the **Eden Mills Community Hall**, a presentation by **Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral** on the occasion of its **10th anniversary**. There will be a reception hosted by our sponsor **Trillium West** at **7 pm, followed by the 8 pm screening**.

The artistic team first staggered audiences with their film *Manufactured Landscapes*. This second epic film, **WATERMARK**, produced in 2013, brings together diverse stories from around the globe about our relationship with water: how we are drawn to it, what we learn from it, how we use it and the consequences of that use. Shot in stunning 5K ultra high-definition video and full of soaring aerial perspectives, this film shows water as a terraforming element, as well as the magnitude of our need and use. In **WATERMARK**, the viewer is immersed in a magnificent force of nature that we all too often take for granted - until it's gone.

Among the many dramatic images in the film are the massive floating abalone farms off China's Fujian coast and the construction site of the biggest arch dam in the world – the Xiluodu in China, six times the size of the Hoover. The film also visits the barren desert delta where the mighty Colorado River no longer reaches the ocean, and the water-intensive leather tanneries of Dhaka.

Water defines Eden Mills. The village is set deep in the landmark cedar forests of the **Eramosa River valley**. The Eramosa is recognized as a heritage river and is among the very few remaining clear, cold and tree-lined rivers in Southern Ontario, re-vitalized and recharged by the natural filters of the Paris-Galt Moraine. In Eden Mills the Eramosa is joined by the **Blue Springs Creek** and together they flow to join the **Speed River** in Guelph, major arteries in the **Grand River Watershed**.



A project of the Eden Mills Millpond Conservation Association Inc.

Ten years ago, in 2007 the village launched Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral, a grassroots project designed to demonstrate that individuals and communities could take action to reduce their carbon footprint without waiting for external leadership. The Village has planted more than 32,000 trees over the past 10 years, with an eye to protecting the watershed and to sequestering CO2.

Water is in the headlines. Here in our area, “Water for Life, Not Profit” is the theme of the **Wellington Water Watchers** fight against the bottling of water by Nestlé. Likewise the **Concerned Residents Coalition** is bringing concerns about impacts on the Moraine, Blue Springs Creek and Rockwood’s drinking water to public attention through its analysis of the proposed **Hidden Quarry** just east of Rockwood.

Watermark’s extraordinary stories of water awe, disturb and inspire audiences. **All proceeds will match the Canada 150 grant to the Eden Mills Community Club for the 100-year-old Community Hall energy retrofit and facility upgrades.**

The presentation of **WATERMARK** is generously sponsored by **Trillium West** through their Sales Representatives, Eden Mills residents **Ruth and Tom Bowes**.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2017

Time: 7 pm reception; 8 pm screening

Location: Eden Mills Community Hall
104 York Street, Eden Mills



Tickets: Adults - \$20; Students - \$10

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Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral: www.goingcarbonneutral.ca

Watermark trailer: http://www.edwardburtynsky.com/site_contents/Films/Watermark_Film.html