

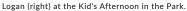
Preserving and enhancing a community's natural environment

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Three Lakes in Saskatchewan works to enhance the local natural environment and to foster community interest in environmental conservation and restoration. A key focus of its preservation and enhancement efforts is Lucien Lake Regional Park.











Logan Burkart, standing on our newly created beach on the west shore of Lucien Lake at Water's Edge Development.

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Located just outside of the village of Middle Lake, the park is part of Saskatchewan's Regional Park system. Like all regional parks across the province, the Lucien Lake park was developed by volunteers from the surrounding community. It officially became a regional park in 1967.

The park is a popular focal point for local residents and for tourists. Lucien Lake has clean sandy beaches and is surrounded by 35 acres of heavily wooded parkland. Playgrounds, ball diamonds, picnic areas and facilities for camping, fishing and boating are all available.

In 2021, the RM of Three Lakes received funding from the CPRA Youth Employment Experience program to hire a young person to support its work to protect and upgrade the regional park and other municipal green spaces and reserve areas. The CPRA program helps local governments and related organizations offer job placements that focus on youth gaining skills, knowledge and experience in the community parks and recreation sector.

Through the program funding, the RM of Three Lakes hired Logan Burkhart in a position that gave him responsibilities for a range of landscaping, maintenance and community awareness projects. Among his accomplishments, Logan contributed ideas to enhance the Lucien Lake beach areas, including by building a retaining wall. He also led a project to stain a new fence located around the perimeter of Water's Edge Marina.

One of the highlights of Logan's work was planning and delivering a "Kid's Afternoon in the Park" event on July 29, 2021. It was part of a province-wide initiative by the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association aimed at boosting appreciation of parks and recreational activities. Held at Prairie's Edge Park and Playground, the event featured distribution of toys and other items to the children. The event also included an educational component where the youngsters planted a bean seed in a cup, which they could take home and watch grow.