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Meewasin listed for \$225,000 International Riverprize

The Meewasin Valley Authority of Saskatchewan, Canada is being recognised for more than 26 years of conservation, education and restoration of large sections of the South Saskatchewan River in Saskatoon's Meewasin Valley as one of four finalists in the 2006 International Thiess Riverprize for excellence in river restoration and management.

The AUD \$225,000 International Riverprize will be awarded at the annual International Riversymposium in Brisbane, Australia, on 5 September 2006. The symposium attracts hundreds of delegates from more than 30 countries to discuss how science, policy and community action can improve the health of the world's rivers and watersheds.

Past winners of the International Riverprize include the Drome River (France, 2005) Siuslaw River (2004); Alexander River (Israel, 2003); Mekong River (Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand and Lao Peoples' Democratic Republic, 2002); Blackwood River (Australia, 2001); and Grand River (Canada, 2000).

Meewasin is actively managing over 1000 acres of high quality natural lands in and around the City of Saskatoon.

Activity in these natural landscapes is centered on gaining conservation easements, furthering research, and actively restoring landscapes using a hands-on approach with community service groups. Meewasin continues to substantially reduce invasive species that threaten these landscapes. The main target species are smooth brome grass, European buckthorn, leafy spurge, and crested wheatgrass.

Part of the Authority's work is to manage the non-profit organization Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin (PFSRB). The group's mandate is to increase understanding, awareness, and stewardship of the Saskatchewan River Basin and their mission is to "promote watershed sustainability through awareness, linkages, and stewardship" throughout the entire Saskatchewan River Basin. The RIVER is our CLIENT.

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