

News Release

SAWMILL CREEK CLEANUP PHASE 2 CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

RIDEAU VALLEY August 25, 2008 — Creek is one of the only free-flowing, cool water streams in the heart of the City of Ottawa. From its headwaters along Lester Road, it flows north through South Keys and along the heavily-urbanized Bank Street eventually joining the Rideau River at Billings Bridge. The stream provides habitat for a rather large fish community as well as a variety of native aquatic and terrestrial plants. Because of its urban environment, there is also a lot of garbage that collects along the banks and in the stream itself.

The City Stream Watch program team of community volunteers has already successfully cleaned up the lower part of Sawmill Creek from the mouth at Billings Bridge upstream to Heron Road. This first phase was completed on August 9th.

The next task is Phase II: cleaning the creek between the Home Depot on Bank Street and Blossom Park Shopping Centre. Quite a job but this city stream deserves our attention. The pay isn't great but the satisfaction is enormous.

Anyone who can spare a couple of hours for intimate contact with one of our finest city streams is asked to contact Julia Sutton, City Stream Watch Coordinator, at the address below. We should be done by about two and lunch will once again be generously provided by the Monterey Inn Resort & Conference Centre. If you would like a sandwich, please register ahead of time. Everyone welcome.

Directions: Going south on Bank St., turn right onto Hunt Club. The driveway is in between the mini-mall on the corner of Bank and Hunt Club and Mountain Crescent. Turn into that driveway, just before the clinic, where there is an old bingo hall. We will meet there at 9 am.

Please bring: Drinking water, rubber boots, sturdy footwear or chest waders.

City Stream Watch is a community environmental partnership program sponsored by City of Ottawa, Heron Park Community Association, National Defence Headquarters Fish and Game Club, Ottawa Flyfishers Society, Rideau Roundtable and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.

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