

# News Release

## ANOTHER MAJOR ECOGIFT FROM MONARCH HOMES

RIDEAU VALLEY, November 18, 2008 — Monarch Homes recently made another very significant donation of \$7,500 to the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation for use in the Environmental Land Fund. Monarch's tradition of protecting key pieces of environmental land for future generations continues.

The Conservation Foundation, located in Manotick, earmarks the money for its very useful Environmental Land Fund. This Fund helps pay for the costs of bringing lands donated to the Conservation Foundation into public ownership: costs such as surveying, land appraisals and legal services which can add up to many thousands of dollars per property depending on the complexity of the title and the availability of recent surveys.

Over the past seven years, Monarch's gifts have been instrumental in acquiring eight valuable new ecological properties and in protecting existing stocks of conservation lands for future public use throughout the watershed.

Foundation Chair Mary Bryden said, "Natural public land is a key ingredient of a healthy functioning watershed, of active healthy families and of healthy sustainable communities. Monarch Homes continues to play a major role in helping us sustain the health of the Rideau River by providing the means to bring donated private lands into the public domain. Hats off to Bruce McNabb and his Monarch Homes team in the Ottawa area."

Monarch Homes is the Canadian division of the world's fifth-largest homebuilder Taylor Wimpey plc. Both are committed to the principles of fair dealings and good corporate citizenship. Monarch has been the recipient of the Consumers Choice Award for five years in a row and always ranks very well in the Canadian New-Home Builder Customer Satisfaction Surveys.

The Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation was established in 1970 as an environmental charity working to protect and conserve the lands and waters of the valley of the Rideau River in Eastern Ontario.

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