

# NEWS RELEASE

## CANADIAN RIVERS DAY STREAM CLEANUP IN OTTAWA

RIDEAU VALLEY, JUNE 2, 2011 — The City Stream Watch program is holding a stream cleanup on Sawmill Creek in Ottawa on Sunday, June 12th to celebrate Canadian Rivers Day and to recognize the many community benefits of our local creeks and streams.

From its headwaters along Lester Road, Sawmill Creek flows north through the community of South Keys and along the heavily-urbanized Bank Street before joining the Rideau River at Billings Bridge. As an urban watershed, a lot of garbage tends to collect along the banks and in the stream itself which can harm the important fish and wildlife habitat along the creek.

We will meet at Heron Park and focus on different areas of the creek. Heron Park is located on Heron Road, east of the Airport Parkway and west of Bank Street. From Heron Road, turn north onto Clover Street. The community centre and park is on the left side of the street. We will park and meet there at 9:30 a.m.

We encourage you to bring drinking water and sun block. We will provide as many pairs of chest waders as we can, but please wear rubber boots or sturdy footwear. The Sawmill Creek Cleanup runs from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

To register or for more information, please contact Julia Sutton — City Stream Watch Coordinator at [citystreamwatch@rvca.ca](mailto:citystreamwatch@rvca.ca) or 613-692-3571 x 1180.

Thanks to everyone who can spare a couple of hours to celebrate our amazing local rivers and streams.

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