

AROUND the Rideau



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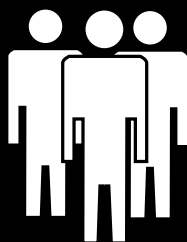
City Stream Watch Program Highlights

Since 2003 the City Stream Watch Program (CSW) and its group of dedicated volunteers have been monitoring streams, checking out fish communities, drilling down on headwater drainage features, and monitoring water temperatures. CSW has been busy with stewardship and restoration projects, such as:

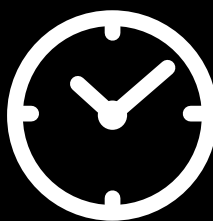
- bioengineering
- garbage clean-ups
- habitat creation, enhancement and restoration
- shoreline naturalization
- invasive species removals
- educational workshops

Read about all good work in the *City Stream Watch 2019 Summary Report*. Plus, specific reports on Cranberry, Ramsay, Hunt Club, and Borthwick Creeks are available at www.rvca.ca/rvca-publications/city-stream-watch-reports.

CSW Highlights 2003 – 2019



3,512
volunteers



16,404
volunteer
hours



637
fish sampling
events



72
invasive
species
removal events



84 km
streams
clean-up
events

If you'd like to learn more about the City Stream Watch Program or volunteer, visit www.rvca.ca/volunteer or contact the City Stream Watch Coordinator at citystreamwatch@rvca.ca.

Focus on the Foundation — McKay Property

Super news — a brand spanning new piece of ecologically sensitive land is now under public protection thanks to a donation to the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation (RVCF). It is a 50-acre parcel located just outside the village of Richmond. It boasts 650 metres of sensitive shoreline along the Jock River and portions of the provincially significant Richmond Fen. Shorelines and wetland areas are key to maintaining clean water, preventing soil erosion, reducing flood impacts and, providing wildlife habitat. They are incredibly productive ecosystems. A huge thank you to the McKay family for their community-minded gift and the Nichols Foundation for their donation covering the land transfer costs. Are you interested in donating your rural land or donating to the RVCF? Contact DIANE at ext. 1126 or diane.downey@rvcf.ca.



RVCA 2020 Budget and Workplan

Get all the info on RVCA's 2020 plans for the watershed. The workplan is now available at www.rvca.ca/rvca-publications/annual-work-plans.

Let your shoreline take a walk on the wild side!

The shoreline Naturalization Program is looking to score a few shores — to naturalize! Sign up and get your free site visit, custom planting plan, choice of plants and we'll even deliver. If you want, we can help you plant them. Call MEAGHAN at ext. 1192 or meaghan.mcdonald@rvca.ca.



Channels being dug at the rehabilitated Hutton Marsh this winter.

Progress report on Hutton Marsh makeover

In the September-October edition of *Around the Rideau* newsletter, there was a story about the restoration of the provincially significant Hutton Marsh back into a productive wetland. Phase II of the work is progressing well with channels now cut. The marsh was a mono-culture of cattails with only 10 percent open water. The healthier 50 percent vegetation and 50 percent open water is an ideal ratio for waterfowl and would support the greatest biodiversity. Fish, turtles frogs, and all wetland wildlife will benefit. And, creating more open water will also restore local access for paddling, fishing, and hunting.

Special thanks to the dedicated group of local stakeholders and funders who made this project possible including Ducks Unlimited Canada, Leeds and Grenville Stewardship Council, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Zone F, the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, Wildlife Habitat Canada, the RVCA and the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation. DAN at ext. 1124 or dan.cooper@rvca.ca can tell you more.

Tree Planting — order your trees for next year, now!

The spring tree plant is right around the corner, soon a whole new batch of healthy, locally-grown native seedlings will be in the ground making forests for tomorrow. It's too late to order trees for this spring, but why not sign up for next and plan for your future forest? Call SCOTT at ext. 1187 or scott.muldoon@rvca.ca.



Time to register for summer day camps

It's hard to believe with all the snow on the ground, that it's time to sign up for Baxter and Foley Mountains super, awesome summer day camps. The camps get the kids back into nature, exploring, studying bugs, games, crafts and, much more! All camps run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Before and after care is available at Baxter.



Baxter — Nature Explorers, ages 6–12 | 5-day program | \$225

- July 6 to July 10
- July 13 to July 17
- July 27 to July 31
- August 10 to August 14
- August 17 to August 21

Baxter — Cool Canoe Camp, ages 10–14 | 5-day program | \$275

- July 13 to July 17
- July 27 to July 31
- August 17 to August 21

Foley Mountain — Nature Day Camps, ages 6 – 12, 5-day program | \$200

- July 13 to 17, Junior Naturalists
- July 27 to 31, Outdoor Explorers
- August 10 to 14, Nature Explorers

For More Information

- Baxter — andrea.wood@rvca.ca
- Foley Mountain — rebecca.whitman@rvca.ca
- www.rvca.ca/outdoor-education

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