

# AROUND the Rideau



January / February 2023

## Bill 23 Implementation Begins

As of January 1, municipalities can no longer seek advice from conservation authorities (CAs) to determine if planning applications may impact water quality in local lakes and rivers. Planning applications will still be circulated to CAs to get important advice on impacts to flooding, erosion, wetlands and unstable soils (known as natural hazards) but, provincial regulations now prohibit CAs from providing additional advice on ecological impacts to the watershed, even if requested by municipalities. CAs are working with municipalities and applicants to help them transition, and moving forward, CAs will continue to work with individuals, developers and municipalities to assess natural hazard risks and how to mitigate them. To learn more about our regulations and responsibilities visit [www.rvca.ca/regulations-planning](http://www.rvca.ca/regulations-planning).

## Wondering if You Need a Permit?

Don't take any chances — if you are planning work around a lake, river, stream or wetland, be sure to call the RVCA for advice on any permits or applications you may need. You may also be eligible for various RVCA stewardship grants and technical assistance. Book an appointment with staff or visit the Regulations and Planning section of our website to see what regulations may apply. To request an appointment or discuss your plans contact EMMA (ext. 1132) or NICK (ext. 1193) or email [development@rvca.ca](mailto:development@rvca.ca).

## Prepare for spring flooding

It may not feel like it, but the spring freshet is just around the corner. To receive up-to-date information on flood forecasts and local watershed conditions, visit our website or sign up for RVCA's flood forecasting and warning emails at [www.rvca.ca](http://www.rvca.ca) — look for "Get RVCA News."



## Apply for your best summer ever!

Whether you're interested in water quality, tree planting, environmental engineering, working with kids or maintaining our beautiful conservation lands, we've got a summer job for you! Applications are open for a range of positions until Feb. 24. Several other seasonal contract positions are also available. Apply today at [www.rvca.ca/careers](http://www.rvca.ca/careers).

## Fun in the forest!

Winter forest school students have been loving the deep snow at Baxter and Foley Mountain Conservation Areas. Registration is now open for spring sessions of Forest School at both sites! Learn more and register at [www.rvca.ca/outdoor-education](http://www.rvca.ca/outdoor-education). For information about Baxter's program contact [baxter.supervisor@rvca.ca](mailto:baxter.supervisor@rvca.ca). For information about Foley's program contact REBECCA at [rebecca.whitman@rvca.ca](mailto:rebecca.whitman@rvca.ca).





# FOLEY MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION AREA

TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE

RIDEAU VALLEY  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## 50 years at Foley Mountain!

2023 marks 50 years since Foley Mountain Conservation Area opened to the public. As one of RVCA's oldest properties, we'll be celebrating all year with online coverage, special in-person programs and a community celebration later this year. Follow us on social media for a new Foley Mountain fact every Friday!

### Foley photos wanted!

We are collecting photos of Foley new and old to share with the public. Send digital copies to [info@rvca.ca](mailto:info@rvca.ca) or physical prints to 3889 Rideau Valley Dr., PO Box 599. Include credit and captions if possible. Include a stamped and pre-addressed envelope to have prints returned. For more info contact EMMA at [emma.jackson@rvca.ca](mailto:emma.jackson@rvca.ca).

### Restoration continues at Hutton Marsh

Hutton Marsh in Lombardy is closer than ever to its natural state thanks to the most recent round of rehabilitations to create more open water for a more diverse ecosystem. The project is led by RVCA in partnership with the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Wildlife Habitat Canada, Ontario Land Trust Alliance, Leeds Grenville County Stewardship Council, OFAH Zone F, the United Counties of Leeds Grenville and local landowners. For more information contact DAN at [dan.cooper@rvca.ca](mailto:dan.cooper@rvca.ca).



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