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Green Acres Celebrates One Million Trees

The City of Ottawa and its three local conservation authorities (Mississippi, Rideau and South Nation) celebrated the City's investment into green infrastructure at a recent ceremonial tree planting. Two of the City's tree planting programs were celebrating significant milestones.

The Green Acres program, a rural Ottawa reforestation project managed and delivered by the three local Conservation Authorities planted its 1,000,000th tree this spring. The Green Acres program started back in 2000 as a partnership between the City of Ottawa, Mississippi Valley Conservation, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, South Nation Conservation and Ottawa Stewardship Council. The results are outstanding – **one million trees planted, over 1,150 acres reforested and 1,087 land owners served**. And even more impressive is that these trees will reach free-to-grow status because the city and its partners go that extra step to provide monitoring and maintenance of the Green Acres plantings. Thank you to the City of Ottawa for supporting the Green Acres program. Contact DAN at ext. 1124 or dan.cooper@rvca.ca for more.

The City's Trees Reforestation and Environmental Enhancement (TREE) program also celebrated with the planting of its 100,000th tree in Ottawa since the inception of the TREE program in 2007. Congratulations to Green Acres and TREE – together planting over one million, one hundred thousand trees.

Trees for Tomorrow

The RVCA's tree planting is successful watershed-wide. Over 172,000 trees were planted in the watershed (65,010 in Ottawa and 107,460 outside) in 2010. Since 1983, that adds up to **3.9 million trees** reforesting over **4,500 acres!**

Green Acres* – City of Ottawa

- trees planted = 1 million since 2000
- covering = 1,150 acres
- landowner involvement = 1,087

Trees for Tomorrow – entire Rideau Watershed**

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- covering = 4,500 acres
- number of trees planted in 2010 = 172,470

* Green Acres is supported through special funding by the City of Ottawa. Recently, Green Acres incentive grants have been matched 2:5 by landowners, the CAs, and other funding sources.

** Trees for Tomorrow numbers include trees planting in the watershed within the City of Ottawa.

RVCA Staff Update

RVCA's New Environmental Planner

It is with pleasure that we announce the appointment of **Martha Bradburn** to the position of Environmental Planner for the Upper Rideau Watershed. Martha is re-joining the Planning Advisory and Regulatory Services group of RVCA starting Monday May 31. Martha previously held the position of RVCA Upper Watershed Planner from 1989 to 2001 and has been Manager of the Rideau Valley Rural Clean Water program since 2001. Martha is an Honours Geography (Natural Resources Management) graduate of Wilfrid Laurier University and has certifications in Wetland Evaluation (MNR), Ecological Land Classification (MNR), On-Site Sewage Systems Inspection as well as DFO training in matters associated with the habitat provisions of the *Canada Fisheries Act*. Martha is also a Provincial Offences Officer (*Section 28 – Conservation Authorities Act*).

Martha is replacing Matt Craig who, after eight and a half years of dedicated service, has become Planning and Regulations Manager at Mississippi Valley Conservation.

Martha will be providing planning services to our upper watershed municipalities at the Tay Valley Township municipal offices. You can reach Martha care of Tay Valley Township at:
217 Harper Rd. (just north of Highway 7 junction) RR 4, Perth ON
telephone: 613-264-5419 fax: 613-692-0831
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RVCA's New Watershed Hydrogeologist

The RVCA is pleased to welcome **Claire Milloy** as the new RVCA Hydrologist, with responsibilities for RVCA's activities in monitoring and evaluating groundwater conditions and for the review of development-related hydrogeological investigations in support of RVCA's planning advisory services.

Claire has four years of Ontario-based experience as a practicing geoscientist in the consulting sector (Beatty & Associates, Bolton, Ont. and more recently Water and Earth Sciences Associates, Carp, Ont.) after completing her M.Sc. with the "Fractured Bedrock Group" at Queen's University's Civil Engineering Department. With two prior undergraduate degrees – a B.Sc. in Environmental Science (Carleton U.) and B.Ed. in Environmental Science & Geography (Lakehead U.) – Claire has also has served as a Chemistry and Physics Instructor in the International Baccalaureate program at several overseas locations.

Ms. Milloy's appointment fills a vacancy created with Asher Rizvi's departure at the end of April, after eight years of solid service, to take up new responsibilities with the Township of Langley, British Columbia.

You can contact Claire at the RVCA head office:
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RVCA Welcomes Summer Staff

Over the years, the RVCA has always pursued and has been extremely fortunate to receive special funding to hire summer staff. This year, 24 students were hired. This extra help allows the RVCA to pursue special projects such as additional watershed data collection, outdoor interpretation through our camp counselors, information management through various clerks, conservation area improvements through our park technicians and more. It is a win-win situation for everyone as the students gain practical, hands-on experience and the Authority completes special environmental projects. To learn more, contact ROSIE at ext. 1145 or rosie.maclean@rvca.ca.

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