

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY WATERSHED BRIEFS

May 2011

A newsletter for municipal councillors

2011 Board of Directors

Andy Jozefowicz *Athens*

Lee Armstrong *Augusta*

John Campbell *Beckwith*

Tom Dewey *Central Frontenac*

No appointment *Clarence-Rockland*

Ray Scissons *Drummond/North Elmsley*

Lyle Pederson *Elizabethtown-Kitley*

Jim Anderton *Merrickville-Wolford*

Vince Carroll *Montague*

Gerry Boyce *North Dundas*

Barclay Cormack *North Grenville*

David Crowley *Perth*

Rob Dunfield *Rideau Lakes*

Ken Graham, RVCA Vice-Chair

Smiths Falls

Gary Davison *South Frontenac*

John H. Miller *Tay Valley*

Bradley Wing *Westport*

City of Ottawa

Alan Arbuckle, RVCA Chair

David Chernushenko

Steve Desroches

Ed Hand

two vacant seats

Foley Mountain Community Celebration

FOFM, RVCA and RVCF bring value-added projects to beloved upper watershed attraction.



Alan Arbuckle, Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and the Honourable Gord Brown, MP for Leeds-Grenville, hold the "Construction Ends Sign" that celebrates the newly improved roadway (rising in background) at the Foley Mountain Conservation Authority.

Left to right: Tom Dewey (Central Frontenac), Ray Scissons (Drummond/North Elmsley), John Miller (Tay Valley), Alan Arbuckle (Ottawa), Mike Fay (FOFM), Barclay Cormack (North Grenville), Leeds-Grenville MP Gord Brown, Rideau Lakes Mayor Ron Holman, Westport Mayor Bill Thake and Jason Kelly (RVCF).

Spring showers held off, allowing dignitaries, board members, staff and friends to celebrate Foley Mountain improvements at the Foley Mountain Conservation Celebration held on May 26.

The celebration was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate value-added projects recently completed at the park. It was also a chance to thank the supportive community network that helps achieve and often spearheads the conservation goals at Foley Mountain. "We appreciate everyone's support and how these investments strengthen our local communities in terms of tourism and job opportunities," said Alan Arbuckle, RVCA Chair.

Jack Herbert Mobility Trail — recognizing years of generous donations, the Friends of Foley Mountain (FOFM) renamed the former Mobility Trail in honour of Westport seasonal resident and FOFM benefactor Jack Herbert.

Foley Mountain Roadway Improvements — over \$80,000 invested in roadway improvements thanks to special funding through the Government of Canada's Economic Action Plan Program (Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation proposal).

Barrier-Free Washrooms — over \$49,000 invested to make the interpretive centre's washrooms barrier-free through the Government of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund (Rideau Valley Conservation Authority proposal).



Left to right: FOFM member Sandy Cameron, Rebecca Whitman, Foley Mountain Area Supervisor, Jack Herbert and his wife Terry Dion and FOFM President Mike Fay gather to celebrate the newly named Jack Herbert Mobility Trail.

Making Shorelines Natural — How we do it

The RVCA is into its second year of the community driven *Making Shorelines Natural* Project. The project provides **FREE** technical assistance, materials and labour. Here's a quick snapshot of how the *Making Shorelines Natural* Project gets shrubs and trees planted along local rivers, creeks and streams to stabilize shores, prevent erosion and keep our watercourses clean thanks to the willingness of many conservation-minded landowners and community volunteers.

Year One Shoreline Planting

of completed projects: 18
 # of volunteers: 214
 # of volunteer hours: 943
 # of trees and shrubs planted: 6,200
 # of shoreline kilometres planted: 3.4 km
 Total Value of Projects to date: \$83,260



All Made Possible Through Special Funding: (2010-2012)

Environment Canada's EcoAction Community Funding Program	\$75,000
Community Foundation of Ottawa.....	\$10,000
Ottawa's Green Acres Program	\$2,800
Carleton University Charity Ball 2011.....	\$1,000
CFWIP (Community Fisheries and Wildlife Involvement Program)	\$1,000
City Stream Watch Program	\$800
C. Elliot	\$250
Myers Volkswagen	\$250
Ottawa Fastener Supply Ltd.	\$250
Total	\$91,350

2011 Planting Achievements

	Mud Creek			Stillwater Creek			Black Rapids Creek			Jock River		
	Res	Com	Pub	Res	Com	Pub	Res	Com	Pub	Res	Com	Pub
# of Project Inquiries	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
# of Site Visits	17*	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	3
# of Completed Projects	11	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	2

Res = residential property Com = commercial property Pub = public property
 *Four site visits revealed that the target property did not require shoreline planting.

Help Spread the Word

We are now looking for shoreline property owners to participate in next spring's planting. In 2012 we are targeting Becketts Creek, Billberry Creek, Nepean Creek, Sawmill Creek, Stevens Creek and Jock River.

For more information, contact Andrea Klymko at andrea.klymko@rvca.ca.



Board of Director's Meetings

Thursday, June 23, 2011
 RVCA Conservation Centre,
 Manotick ON

Thursday, August 25, 2011
 Location to be announced

Now Available online @ www.rvca.ca under "What's New:"

- Otter Lake Regulatory Flood Level Report
- 2010 Jock River Subwatershed Report
- Solutions for Shoreline Erosion — A Basic Guide to Bioengineering
- RVCF Memorial Tree Planting in the Rideau Valley
- City Stream Watch 2010 Annual Report

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