

News Release

AUDETTE FOUNDATION IMPROVES VISITOR SERVICES AT LOCAL CONSERVATION AREAS

MANOTICK, November 9, 2006 — The Audette Foundation of Ottawa has made a generous donation toward accessibility upgrades at Conservation Areas in the Rideau watershed. The Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation recently received \$2,000 to improve handicapped accessibility of the outdoor washroom facilities at the Baxter, Chapman Mills, Foley Mountain, W.A. Taylor and Rideau Ferry Yacht Club Conservation Areas.

The funding will be used to purchase and install washroom grab-bars and provide landscaping materials to improve the entranceways to visitor facilities. The Audette Foundation supports charitable causes and has been providing valuable resources to disabled residents of the National Capital region since 1996.

The Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation provides assistance to The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority in providing 'accessibility' improvements to visitor services at their ten developed Conservation Areas in the Rideau watershed. In 2005, the Conservation Foundation, with the assistance of several valued "Partners in Conservation," added over 300 metres of boardwalk to the recreation trails at Baxter Conservation Area.

Mary Bryden, Chair of the Conservation Foundation, said "We are pleased to accept this generous donation and really delighted to welcome the Audette Foundation as our newest *Partner in Conservation*."

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