

News Release

TRINITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION SUPPORTS STREAM RESEARCH IN OTTAWA

MANOTICK, AUGUST 14, 2007 — Trinity Development Foundation recently gave \$12,500 to the City Stream Watch program to help monitor the health and biological condition of Ottawa's most-neglected urban creeks. The gift was earmarked for the hiring of two summer positions to assist the Coordinator with the implementation of the 2007 City Stream Watch program.

City Stream Watch investigates our urban streams using volunteer citizen scientists trained in the Macro Stream Assessment Protocol. Over the course of the summer sampling season, the volunteers become very knowledgeable about the watercourses they work on. They travel the creek corridors by foot to record valuable information on the physical and biological features of our city's forgotten streams. Once a survey is completed, possible rehabilitation projects are identified and workplans and budgets are scheduled for future seasons. The ultimate goal is to encourage people to value and respect the watercourses flowing through their local communities. The benefits of healthy local streams are many.

City Stream Watch also contributes directly to achievement of the landmark Lower Rideau Watershed Strategy by providing important information on the tributaries of the Rideau and by identifying documented opportunities for streambank rehabilitation and cleanup.

City Stream Watch is in its fifth year. It is a cooperative program between the City of Ottawa, Heron Park Community Association, the Ottawa Flyfishers' Society, the Rideau Roundtable, National Defence Headquarters Fish & Game Club and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA). The program monitors three or four watercourses each year depending on their length. In 2007, the focus is on Nepean Creek, Cranberry Creek, Taylor Creek and several tributaries of Greens Creek including Borthwick, Black, Ramsay and Mud Creeks.

Program information and all past stream data is on the website at www.rideauvalley.on.ca/programs/streamwatch. The information gathered is valued and recognized by RVCA and the City of Ottawa as valid scientific data. In fact, in many cases, this is the only data existing on some of our smaller, less spectacular streams.

Trinity Development Group has played a prominent role in the development of new format regional retail centres across the country. The company also leases and constructs high quality neighbourhood and convenience centres in several Canadian markets. They have offices in Toronto and Ottawa.

Grant Nichol, Coordinator of the City Stream Watch program, said "The gift from Trinity is making a huge difference for 2007. Their leadership and commitment to the health of the Ottawa environment is very much appreciated."

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