

# News Release

## COMMUNITY SHORELINE TREE PLANT ON SAWMILL CREEK — CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS —

RIDEAU VALLEY, April 28, 2008 — The City Stream Watch program is holding a shoreline planting project on May 4th on Sawmill Creek in the City of Ottawa from 9 am to 1 pm. Our goal is to restore a failed bank on the east side of the stream just north of Heron Road and plant trees on two other eroded sections nearby. This is Phase III of the Sawmill Creek Rehabilitation Project started in 2005.

In Phase I of this project the lower sections of bank, close to the stream did well throughout the growing season although many trees were lost on the upper portion of the bank due to trampling and dry conditions. In Phase II, we planted more vegetation on the upper bank failure as well as filled in necessary sections that had washed away by spring flows. Phase III will focus on other areas along Heron Park that require planting attention.

Any time that you can give is helpful and appreciated. All necessary equipment is provided and there is no cost to volunteers. This is a great chance for members of the community to get involved in making their parks more beautiful and healthy. Crews will be meeting at 9am on Sunday May 4th, 2008 at Heron Park Community Centre, which is located at the north end of Clover Street off of Heron Road (between Riverside and Bank).

To find information about the City Stream Watch Program or to learn more about Phase I of this project please visit: [www.rideauvalley.on.ca/programs/streamwatch/index.htm](http://www.rideauvalley.on.ca/programs/streamwatch/index.htm).

Interested volunteers are asked to sign up by contacting Julia Sutton, City Stream Watch Coordinator at [citystreamwatch@rvca.ca](mailto:citystreamwatch@rvca.ca)

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City Stream Watch is a community environmental partnership program sponsored by City of Ottawa, Heron Park Community Association, National Defence Headquarters Fish and Game Club, Ottawa Flyfishers Society, Rideau Roundtable and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.