

# News Release

## MONARCH SUPPORTS LAND CONSERVATION

RIDEAU VALLEY, December 7, 2010 — Monarch Corporation, Canada's oldest real estate company, has made another major donation to the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation's Environmental Land Fund. The money is used to help secure environmental land for future conservation use by the people of the Rideau watershed in Eastern Ontario.

Monarch's long and generous history with the Conservation Foundation has helped bring ten properties into public ownership over the past nine years including 100 acres of wetland in the Richmond Fen, a lovely island in Upper Rideau Lake and the beautiful Meisel Woods Conservation Area near Crow Lake. These conservation lands all have key environmental features like shoreline, wetlands and groundwater recharge areas that will be protected in perpetuity.

"We are delighted to be the local environmental partner with Monarch Corporation. Together, we are building sustainable watersheds for the benefit of all residents of the Rideau Valley," said Steve Desroches, City Councillor for Gloucester-South Nepean (Ward 22) and a Director of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. Thanks to their expertise and know-how, the Authority manages over 600 acres of conservation lands on behalf of the Foundation.

Monarch is the Canadian division of the world's fifth-largest homebuilder Taylor Wimpey plc and is committed to the principles of fair dealings and good corporate citizenship. Monarch was recently recognized as the prestigious 2010 Home Builder of the Year at the 30th Annual Building Industry and Land Development Awards, among many other awards.

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