



Around the Rideau

Environmental Information For Municipalities In The Rideau Valley

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Biocriteria Project

This summer, the RVCA is monitoring 20 sites across the watershed for aquatic species at risk in south-eastern Ontario. This means staff are conducting steam surveys at 20 sites to inventory mussels, fish and invertebrates that are species at risk. A detailed habitat description and threats inventory will be provided for all sites. Once all data is collected and analyzed, a summary report will be completed. This work is being done in collaboration with South Nation Conservation, City of Ottawa, Mississippi Valley Conservation, Cataraqui Region Conservation, Quinte Conservation, Ontario Ministry of Environment and Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Contact JENNIFER for more at jennifer.lamoureux@rvca.ca.

Four Million Trees

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) celebrated a major milestone on July 12 — the planting of its four millionth tree. The RVCA started its tree planting program back in 1983. Thanks to our member municipalities and the many community-minded funding partners who made it all possible. Over \$5 million has been raised to support tree planting in the Rideau Watershed since 1983. The total value of these reforestation efforts including landowner contributions is closer to \$6.5 million. On-the-ground, this means 4,500 acres of idle or marginal land have been reforested.

Special thanks to Kent and Dawn Daniels for hosting this special event. The Daniels have participated in two RVCA tree planting projects — greening six hectares of their land with 12,000 tamarack, white spruce, white pine and other native species.

Interested in planting trees? Our generous incentive grants can reduce land owner costs by up to 90% and includes costs on tree seedlings, site preparation, planting and tending costs. DAN can help at dan.cooper@rvca.ca

Foley Mountain Fun

Summer fun comes to Foley with fabulous half-day and full day programs for children. Half day programs are free with a park pass. Children must be accompanied by an adult and there will be fun for everyone. Full day programs run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Interpretive Centre (featuring the Children's Nature Discovery Centre) is also open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check out the calendar of events at www.rvca.ca under "What's New" or contact REBECCA at 613-273-3255 or email rebecca.whitman@rvca.ca.

Things get Fishy On-Line

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has a new and interactive web tool at www.ontario.ca/fishing. With just a few clicks, anglers can use a searchable, Google-based map to find fish species in Ontario's 13,000+ lakes, learn about fishing regulations, find locations to buy a fishing licence along and lake depth contours to help you find your next fishing hole.

In the Rideau Watershed, the W.A. Taylor Conservation Area (North Gower) and the Rideau Ferry Yacht Club Conservation Area (Rideau Ferry) are two great locations to launch your boat and spend the day fishing. Contact KRISTY at kristy.giles@rvca.ca for more on our watershed conservation areas.

Otter Lake Regulatory Flood Level

Staff have just completed a technical study to determine the regulatory flood level on Otter Lake. Field surveys, mapping and modeling tools were used to establish the level. This information will be used by RVCA staff as they evaluate and approve development or site alteration proposals on the shorelines of Otter Lake. FERDOUS can tell you more at ferdous.ahmed@rvca.ca.



Partners, politicians and staff celebrated the 4 millionth tree planting. Thanks to all our guests for making it such a special event, especially landowner Dawn and Kent Daniels for welcoming us to their home and site of two RVCA tree planting projects and 12,000 trees.



Please Don't Move Firewood

Emerald Ash Borers are destructive and invasive insects that are destroying ash trees throughout northeastern North America.

The transportation of ash and ash products outside the City of Ottawa and the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville is prohibited.

Residents in the affected area are urged:

- Not to move firewood out of the area
- To be aware of regulations for firewood and ash products
- Not to bring firewood to your cottage or campsites
- To buy your firewood locally and know where your firewood originates
- To remember, even after an infested tree has been cut down, the EAB continues to live in the wood

Learn more at www.inspection.gc.ca or contact RUDY at rudy.dyck@rvca.ca or 613-692-3571 ext. 1135.

Travelling Ontario This Summer?

Touring Ontario? Then the *Guide to Conservation Areas in Ontario* is a must! This helpful tool puts information about over 250 Conservation Areas across our province in the palm of your hand. Visit www.ontarioconservationareas.ca to download a copy or call us to get a paper copy sent out.

Insect ID

Another great benefit of living in Eastern Ontario is having access to the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada scientists at the Experimental Farm in Ottawa. When not identifying invertebrates from international imports, Canadian crops or research programs, they are willing to help identify pests or strange insects brought in to them as time permits. An Identification Request Form can be requested from Dr. Owen Lonsdale at owen.lonsdale@agr.gc.ca. Send or drop the form and the insect (preserved in a small vial of ethanol if possible) at the Neatby Building on the Experimental Farm at 960 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, K1A 0G6 and wait patiently for a reply.

National Tree Day is September 21

Mark your calendar! Canada has its own official day to celebrate trees. Starting this fall, each Wednesday of National forest week in September will be known as National Tree Day. Our first National Tree Day will be September 21. Congratulations to Tree Canada for spearheading this initiative and kudos to our House of Commons for passing Motion 575 to set aside a day where Canadians can commemorate trees.

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Making Shorelines Natural — Thank you!!!

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped plant over 6,200 trees and shrubs along 3.4 kilometres of shore this spring:

- ➔ All Saints Catholic High School
- ➔ City Stream Watch
- ➔ Friends of the Jock River
- ➔ Girl Guides of Canada
- ➔ Ottawa Fastener Supply Ltd. Staff
- ➔ Ottawa Stewardship Council
- ➔ RVCA Staff
- ➔ Sacred Heart Catholic High School
- ➔ Scouts Canada
- ➔ St. Francis Xavier High School
- ➔ And all other community volunteers and landowners who helped out

Thanks to our sponsors:

- ➔ Environment Canada-Education Community Funding Program
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- ➔ Green Acres — Ottawa's Rural Reforestation Program
- ➔ Community Foundation of Ottawa
- ➔ Community Fisheries & Wildlife
- ➔ Involvement Program (CFWIP)
- ➔ Carleton University Charity Ball 2011
- ➔ City Stream Watch
- ➔ Ottawa Fastener Supply Ltd
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- ➔ Carl Elliot

Special thanks to:

- ➔ Perth & District Collegiate Institute GeoVenture Co-op
- ➔ Ferguson Forest Centre and Staff

Students:

- ➔ Nick Nadeau
- ➔ Kyle Gibbons
- ➔ Rebecca Hodgins
- ➔ Jordan Waugh

Wanted:

We are looking for shoreline property owners along Becketts Creek, Bilberry Creek, Nepean Creek, Sawmill Creek, Stevens Creek, and Jock River who want to make their shorelines natural in 2012. To learn more about this **FREE** program, contact Andrea at 613-692-3571 ext 1173 or andrea.klymko@rvca.ca.



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