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# RVCA News Release

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## Monarch Invests in the Environment

MANOTICK, MAY 31, 2005 — Over the past several years **Monarch Homes** has played a significant role in watershed health by helping bring donated private lands into public ownership through the Environmental Land Fund. 2005 is no exception with another **major donation of \$5,000 recently given to the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation.**

The Foundation, located in Manotick Ontario, has earmarked the money for their very useful Environmental Land Fund. Specifically, the donation will help pay for the costs of bringing a donated **100-acre parcel of land near Richmond, Ontario into public ownership. This land includes part of the "provincially significant" Richmond Fen.** As well, Monarch's donation will assist in the setup of a land preservation agreement on a **remarkable lake ecosystem property in South Frontenac Township (headwaters of the Rideau River).** The agreement will restrict further development and ensure that the land is protected and maintained in a natural state. The ecological function of the property as a natural water quality filter will be protected against inappropriate development.

**Monarch Homes** was founded in 1917, making it Canada's oldest and one of its largest, most diversified, and successful real estate companies. It is best known in the Ottawa area for its award winning Stonebridge Golf Course Community on the Jock River near Barrhaven (south Ottawa). Building customer relationships based on innovation, quality, trust and fair dealing is the key to Monarch's success. With generous support of community-minded companies like **Monarch Homes**, the Foundation will continue to protect natural areas within our communities.

The **Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation** is an environmental charity working to help protect and conserve the lands and waters of the valley of the Rideau River in Eastern Ontario. The Foundation's Environmental Land Fund is used to ensure that important natural land donations are acquired quickly and efficiently for the benefit of the public. Tax deductible contributions to the Environmental Land Fund can be made through the **Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation** at 692-3571 or 1 800 267-3504, ext. 1116.

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