

Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation

The Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation is your local, accountable, registered environmental charity dedicated to supporting on-the-ground conservation projects right here in the Rideau River valley. Thanks to your help, the Foundation surpassed its fundraising goal in 2017! We sincerely appreciate your continuing confidence in our conservation programs. It is a pleasure to acknowledge and thank the many hundreds of generous and community-minded people who made a gift to conservation in 2017 and look to "give where you live."

The Foundation Board of Directors would like to thank the staff and Board of the Conservation Authority for all of their generous support and encouragement in 2017. We look forward to continued success in 2018.

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2017 Highlights:

- Achieved accreditation from Imagine Canada's Standards Program — providing public confidence in the RVCF who has demonstrated excellence in board governance, financial accountability and transparency, ethical fundraising, staff management and volunteer involvement
- Remained a proud and practicing member of both the Ontario and Canada Land Trust Alliances
- Celebrated the improvements to the Chapman Mills Conservation Area thanks to funding from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, through the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, and donations from Movati Athletic Group, RVCA and RVCF
- Worked with Canon Canada volunteers who donated time and money to complete improvements at Baxter Conservation Area
- Welcomed Carleton Refrigeration, Heating and Air Conditioning as our newest corporate citizen that has made their local operation "carbon neutral" in 2017 through tree planting
- Partnered with the Remembrance Park Organizing Committee, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 314 Manotick and the City of Ottawa to ensure accessibility at Manotick's Remembrance Park with the help of special funding through the Rick Hansen Foundation's Access4All Program
- Planted another 39,900 trees as part of LiVE 88.5 FM's effort to offset carbon emissions. Over the past 7 years, 20 hectares (50 acres) of forest have been planted by the LiVE 88.5 team
- Enjoyed the continued confidence of several land development companies who use the Foundation's Species at Risk Compensation Program services to compensate for unavoidable loss of butternut, barn swallow habitat or bobolink habitat during their business activities. We are currently managing 45 projects
- Acknowledged the continuing support of over 210 local businesses who are recognized on our famous "Partners in Conservation" wall in our Manotick office
- Accepted a new land donation on the Rideau Rover north of Kemptonville
- Accepted Mattamy Homes' major donation to the RVCA's Environmental Land Fund. Mattamy (who recently acquired Monarch Homes) is upholding Monarch's long and generous history by donating to the Environmental Land Fund that helps pay the costs associated with land donations including legal fees, appraisals and surveys. It is instrumental in securing environmental land for future conservation use by the people of the Rideau watershed in Eastern Ontario
- Foundation endowment funds continue to grow providing some very welcome revenue streams for land and water conservation work throughout the valley. Thank you to our endowment fund supporters

We would be delighted to talk to you about a gift to conservation whether of property, funds or in-kind services. Please call or write for confidential advice and opportunities. We can match your gift objectives with some very meaningful and long lasting conservation projects that all will enjoy.

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