

# Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation

**T**he Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation is proud to be your local, accountable, registered environmental charity dedicated to supporting on-the-ground conservation work in the Rideau River valley.

Thanks to your help, we continue to have a big impact on the land — planting trees, naturalizing shorelines, conserving natural spaces, protecting species at risk and much, much more. We are delighted and inspired by the continuing confidence of our many partners and donors — thank you.

The Foundation Board of Directors would also like to thank the staff and Board of the Conservation Authority for their support and encouragement in 2018. We look forward to continued success in 2019.

Jason W. M. Kelly, RVCF Chair

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## 2018 Highlights

- Celebrated the restoration of Baxter Conservation Area's ASL Pond thanks to funding from partners including ASL Agrodrain, the Canadian Armed Forces Fish and Game Club, Canon Canada, City of Ottawa, Don Maciver Memorial Fund, Kiwanis Club of Manotick, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Zone F, TD Friends of the Environment and the RVCA.
- Worked with Canon Canada volunteers who donated time and money to complete tree planting on Rideau Valley conservation lands.
- Supported the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 314 Manotick by accepting donations directed to maintaining Remembrance Park's Memory Gardens.
- Embarked on the Give Where You Live Campaign — thank you Chris Napior and to all who donated to our new program.
- Continued donor support through CanadaHelps.com for safe and easy acceptance of donations to RVCF's special programs and services.
- Participated on the Nature for All Committee as we look to increase accessibility features at Baxter Conservation Area.
- Welcomed returning Carbon Neutral partners Carleton Refrigeration, Heating and Air Conditioning, Little Ray's Reptile Zoo, LIVE 88.5, Meeting Partners International — Ottawa Chapter, and Queen's University Tea Room. Thank you to our Carbon neutral companies and those who host carbon neutral events.
- Continued delivery of Memorial Tree and Memorial Bench Programs.
- Enjoyed the continued confidence of several land development companies who use the Foundation's Species at Risk Compensation Program 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 245 watershed businesses and private donors who are recognized on our "Partners in Conservation" wall at our Manotick office
- Accepted a new land donation on Irish Creek — a beautiful 6+ hectare property with natural shoreline and Provincially Significant Wetland.
- Accepted Mattamy Homes' major donation to the RVCF's Environmental Land Fund that helps pay the costs associated with land donations to the Foundation including legal fees, appraisals and surveys. It is instrumental in securing sensitive environmental land for future conservation use by the people of the Rideau watershed.



- Welcomed strong growth of the Foundation's endowment funds that provide important support for land and water conservation work throughout the valley. Thank you to our endowment fund supporters.
- Continued accreditation from Imagine Canada's Standards Program — providing public confidence in the RVCF that 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.
- Saluted Foundation Chair Jason Kelly whose service to Canada and the community was recognized with the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers.



### Love this beautiful valley like we do?

We would be pleased 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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