



The 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 generosity, we continue to improve our watershed and its many communities by valuing, sustaining and protecting the natural environment. We do this by planting trees, naturalizing shorelines, conserving natural spaces, protecting species at risk, educating our youth and much, much more.

We are delighted and inspired by the continuing confidence of our many partners and donors — thank you. In 2019 we launched our 2020 Conservation Campaign as we look to raise funds to keep our natural areas in public hands forever. We are already delighted about the interest in and investment towards the protection of our forests, wetlands and shorelines. Thank you for making your local natural environment a priority.

The Foundation Board of Directors would also like to thank the staff and Board of the Conservation Authority for their dedication and support in 2019. We look forward to continued success in 2020.

Yours in conservation,  
Jason W. M. Kelly, RVCF Chair

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## 2019 Highlights

- Launched the 2020: Conservation Campaign to raise funds to protect our conservation lands through the Steve Simmering Land Endowment Fund and gratefully accepted donations including a Gold Level \$25,000 donation from the Laidlaw Foundation, a corporate donation from Enbridge Gas and other valued private donors.
- Celebrated and acknowledged the continuing support of over 330 watershed businesses and private donors who are recognized on our "Partners in Conservation" wall at our office in Manotick.
- Raised funds to welcome classes (approximately 1,440 students) to students to participate in outdoor education programs at Foley and Baxter Conservation Areas by reducing or eliminating bus and registration fees. Thank you to the Ottawa Community Tree Foundation Community Grants Program, The North Face Canada Explore Fund, Starbucks Foundation Green Apron Grant, BOGS° Outdoor Fund for their support.
- Partnered with One Tree Planted to plant 70,000 tree seedlings in spring 2020.
- Planted trees thanks to Hulse, Playfair and McGarry who have support tree planting in the watershed since 2003.
- Welcomed new and returning Carbon Neutral individuals, businesses and events including LIVE 88.5 and Ottawa Greek Fest.
- Installed a new, accessible dock and viewing platform at Chapman Mills Conservation Area with the support of the Cabela Canada Outdoor Fund.
- Supported fish habitat restoration on Wolfe Lake with support from TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.
- Prepared for restoration of the Hutton Marsh thanks to the dedicated group of local stakeholders and funders who made this project possible including Ducks Unlimited Canada, Leeds and Grenville Stewardship Council, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Zone F, the United Counties of Leeds



and Grenville (UCLG), Wildlife Habitat Canada, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and the RVCF.

- Invested in volunteer work along city streams to remove invasive species and litter thanks to TD Fiends of the Environment Foundation funding.
- Participated on the Nature for All Committee as we look to increase accessibility features at Baxter Conservation Area. Thank you to the City of Ottawa Rural Community Funding Grant, the Gosling Foundation, and Jackman Foundation for their support.
- 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 53 projects.

- Continued delivery of Memorial Tree and Memorial Bench Programs.
- Supported the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 314 Manotick by accepting donations directed to maintaining Remembrance Park's Memory Gardens.
- Continued efforts to accept land donations of ecologically sensitive lands from willing landowners.
- Remained a proud and practicing member of both the Ontario and Canada Land Trust Alliances.
- Launched new website thanks to the support of Probase Web Creative Solutions.
- Supported donors through CanadaHelps.com for safe and easy acceptance of donations to RVCF's special programs and services.
- Modernized the Foundation's logo.
- Maintained 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.

### 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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