

# South Nation Conservation 2009 Annual Report: Executive Summary



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## Wild Rice Project

South Nation Conservation teamed up with Ducks Unlimited Canada and Plenty Canada to initiate wild rice planting projects on 27 properties throughout eight municipalities in the watershed. In addition to being a traditional food source for First Nations, wild rice fields help sustain migratory waterfowl and improve water quality.

Three hundred pounds of seed were sown in the first year. Another 300 pounds will be planted in 2010. The project gained national attention when it was featured in an article in *Conservator Magazine*, which is read by over 200,000 Ducks Unlimited Canada members and supporters each month.



Volunteers Casting Wild Rice Seed - Finch

## Cool Streams

The Cool Streams project aims to locally improve conditions and awareness of cool water streams. The main objectives of this project are to identify, map, and monitor cool streams, as well as to communicate and engage the public in cool stream restoration and conservation. This will ensure long-term protection of locally rare cool water systems and their associated organisms. Cool water systems are generally linked with ground water upwellings and monitoring of these systems provides visual observations of important groundwater resources.



Shield's Creek, Greely

## Land Acquisitions / Land Trust



Two Creeks Forest, Iroquois

To prevent forests from being destroyed, and to protect our wetlands, SNC has acquired 1100 acres of former Domtar lands in South Dundas, South Stormont, and North Stormont. With the support of the Ontario Heritage Trust and the Lafleche Environmental Trust, these forests and wetlands will be added to SNC's Land Trust, which now totals over 11,000 acres. SNC Land Trusts secure essential lands required to keep our lands and wildlife healthy

Our Local Environment ~ We're In It Together



Larose Forest

## Forestry By The Numbers

151,600	Total Trees Sold
11,230	trees planted through Trees Ontario Full Service Program
96,400	trees planted through Trees Ontario 50 Million Tree Program
36,100	trees planted through the City of Ottawa Green Acres program.
113,400	trees planted by SNC private contractor on private land
12,550	trees planted by SNC on United Counties Prescott Russell Forest
600	trees planted in partnership with Girl Guides
4000	trees planted in partnership with Prescott and Russell Stewardship
1,150	trees planted partnership with Moose Creek Wildlife Committee and Scouts Canada
500	trees donated for education and promotion of the program

## Larose Forest—Invasive Plant Management Strategy

SNC developed an Invasive Plant Management Strategy that will help protect the unique landscape of the Larose Forest from plants that alter native plant communities. In partnership with the United Counties of Prescott Russell, SNC will assist with the addition of forestry activities to the Larose Forest Report “Protection and Development for Larose Forest”. The addition of forestry activities to the report will ensure that logging and environmental protection are mutually compatible.

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## Volunteer Committees Play Vital Role

The Fish & Wildlife Committee is a volunteer committee that guides, coordinates and reviews the fish and wildlife program. The committee is made up of representatives from a wide variety of communities, including agriculture, drainage, Science & Research and fish & game clubs. In 2009, the Fish and Wildlife Committee accomplished a number of firsts:

- Pilot Municipal Drain Classification Project
- Indian Creek Fishway – first constructed in Eastern Ontario
- Hoasic Creek Roadside Turtle Nesting Structure – first in Eastern Ontario; first to utilize protective fencing and nesting structure combined



## Financial Report - 2009 Revenues & Expenditures





