



South Nation Conservation Watershed Update



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Annual General Meeting: Levere New Chairman



Lawrence Levere of Grenville, a member of the SNC Board of Directors for the past 4 years was elected Chairman of the Board at the SNC Annual General Meeting on March 24th. Bill Smirle, representing Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry was elected Vice-Chair, while Ken Hill was appointed as Past Chair. In addition, four outgoing board members—Lianne Acres-Hanna, Rob Jellett, Alvin Runnalls and Floyd Dingwall were recognized for their contributions. Don Pearson, General Manager of Conservation Ontario was the featured guest speaker at the event.

Vankleek Hill Nature Society Donation Supports Alfred Bog



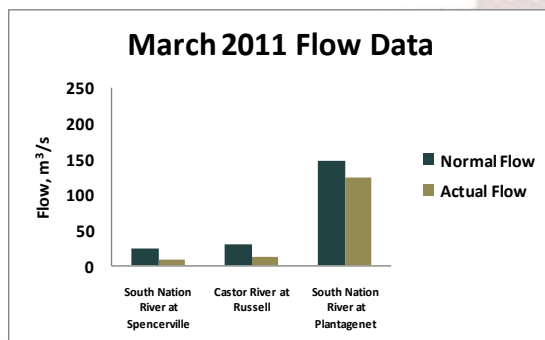
A donation of \$1000 to SNC from the Vankleek Hill & District Nature Society will support upcoming projects benefiting the Alfred Bog. The organization's grassroots advocacy for over 30 years was instrumental in the acquisition and preservation of the Bog, some of which is threatened by peat harvesting. The Alfred Bog, home to many rare and endangered species, is threatened by extensive perimeter drainage, which removes water essential to the bog's integrity. The foresight of this group is the hallmark of sound environmental planning and protection.

Maple Syrup Education Reaches New Heights



This year, a record number of participants—mostly students from watershed schools— have learned about maple syrup production through SNC's Maple Education Program at the Sand Road Maple Farm near Moose Creek. The two-hour tours focus on the sugaring process from aboriginal times to today. With the help of SNC interpreters, students also learned about tree species identification, woodlot management, and the role forests play within the watershed. The Maple Education Program is now in its 11th year, and will have reached over 1000 participants in 2011 alone.

Water Flows Almost Double in March



SNC's Flood Forecasting and Warning Team were very busy last month monitoring the water levels, weather, snow, and ice as well as operating the Chesterville Dam. At some locations, the average monthly flows were approximately double the normal for March, reaching flows that normally occur in April. An early ice break-up started in mid-March, causing ice jams that temporarily held back water in some areas, but no major flooding was reported.

