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INTERNATIONAL WATERSHED ORGANIZATION MEETS AT SNC March 30, 2010

Delegates from an international organization dedicated to improving integrated watershed management met March 29th at South Nation Conservation headquarters in Finch. The North American Network of Basin Organizations (NANBO) was incorporated in 2009 to provide a network for basin organizations and other groups from Greenland to Panama to further the science and the practice of integrated watershed management by sharing knowledge and experience. Over 130 watershed groups from 51 different countries belong to similar networks around the world.

Integrated Watershed Management is the process of managing human activities and natural resources on a watershed basis. This approach allows conservation organizations to protect important water resources, while at the same time addressing critical issues such as the current and future impacts of rapid growth and climate change.

NANBO's objectives include enabling the exchange of experience and expertise among member organizations, developing public awareness around watershed management issues and regional concerns, and identifying and implementing best practices for integrated watershed management.

South Nation Conservation General Manager Dennis O'Grady, a member of the NANBO Board of Directors, says the organization will play an important role in improving and promoting watershed management. "Working together with similar organizations provides tremendous benefits for all of us," says O'Grady. "SNC welcomes any opportunity to share our expertise, resources and experience to benefit other groups and regions throughout North America."

In addition to South Nation Conservation, Monday's meeting included representatives from conservation organizations from Mexico, Quebec and New York State, as well as the Rideau Valley and Credit Valley Conservation Authorities.

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