

Vote online for watershed project

Online support from residents of the South Nation watershed can turn \$10,000 in funding into a \$25,000 windfall for South Nation Conservation (SNC).

SNC has been awarded \$10,000 in funding from Shell Canada's social investment program, FuellingChange, which provides funding to grassroots, action-oriented projects that restore and protect Canada's environment.

Canadians can now vote for the project they believe most worthy of an additional \$15,000.

The South Nation initiative – "The South Nation Watershed Belongs To All of Us!" – encourages residents to take ownership and increase awareness of environmental issues and challenges in the watershed. The program

would host public consultation and focus groups, produce signage and marketing materials, build volunteer stewardship networks, and other outreach.

All 54 projects are profiled at fuellingchange.com/#org-list. Watershed residents are encouraged to support the South Nation Conservation bid. Each resident can vote up to ten times.

"We're asking our residents to really get behind this effort," says Gord Shaver, media specialist with South Nation.

"The more votes we get, the better our chances of moving up to \$25,000 in funding."

Voting ends Oct. 31. For more information and a direct link to the voting site, visit www.nation.on.ca.