

Watershed UPDATE June 2014

SNC Raising Funds to Make Parks More Accessible

SNC's day use parks host thousands of visitors each year; however, some residents have accessibility challenges to enjoying park amenities. This year, SNC is partnering with Rural Family Connections to host a joint golf tournament; SNC proceeds will provide accessibility upgrades at Jessups Falls Conservation Area. The Rural Family Connection earnings will fund their Live and Learn Resource Centre which provides support to parents of young children. The August 13th tournament will be held at the Metcalfe Golf and Country Club; cost is \$100/golfer or \$35/person for supper. For more information email: blawrence@nation.on.ca.



North Grenville Nursery Supplies 120,000 Trees for 2015

The Ferguson Forestry Center will once again supply around 120,000 trees for the SNC 2015 tree planting season. Ferguson, which is owned by North Grenville Township, offers seedlings that are suitable to the Eastern Ontario growing climate; suitable stock helps to ensure a successful planting for landowners. Landowners interested in ordering trees for 2015 are encouraged to contact SNC early for best selection. Subsidies may be available to help offset the purchase of seedlings; information on SNC's tree planting program is online at www.nation.on.ca.



Forestry Partnership with St. Lawrence Parks Commission

St. Lawrence Parks Commission (SLPC) is partnering with SNC's Forestry Department to conduct a Tree Risk Evaluation on their parks. Under this agreement, SNC will assess tree health in SLPC's parks and provide recommendations for tree management. SNC conducts similar evaluations on its own parks and trails in an effort to remove any trees that could pose a hazard to the public.



Improving Water Quality in Stormwater Ponds

SNC, in partnership with Nation Municipality, installed a floating wetland in a stormwater pond in the village of Limoges. The demonstration project aims to evaluate floating wetlands as an option for removing excess nutrients from stormwater ponds, reducing algae blooms that can cause odour issues. Funding for the project was made possible through a grant from the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund and the Eastern Ontario Water Resources Committee.