

Parlow Creek restoration

SOUTH DUNDAS – Parlow Creek, near Iroquois, will be undergoing a bank restoration project to support natural fish migration.

Three hundred meters of stream-length will be restored on both banks of the Parlow Creek.

The Parlow Creek is located in the Two Creeks Conservation Area, located a few kilometers east of Iroquois.

Agricultural drainage activities on Parlow Creek, including excess soil deposits in the lower Parlow Creek have blocked stream flow causing bank failures and erosion along the stream bank.

The objective of this project is to the restoration of a natural channel to help restore natural fish migration. The stream bank will be re-planted with native vegetation. Although fish access is limited during low spring flow conditions, Grass Pike and Musklunge are known to occur in this area, and Northern Pike spawn in some sections of Parlow Creek.

Access to grassy banks along tributaries during spring run-off provides ideal spawning habitat for species like Pike and Musklunge. This project will also target habitat for Cutlips Minnow and Bridle Shiner.

This project is a partnership between SNC, Fisheries and Oceans Canada - Recreational Fisheries Partnership Program and Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change - Great Lakes Guardian Fund.

This project was part of a \$50,000 federal funding announcement made last week at SNC headquarters in Finch. The Parlow Creek project will receive \$12,400 from the Government of Canada which is one of the project partners. The remainder of the \$50,000 funding to SNC is for a crib wall project in Moose Creek.

“Our government has developed an excellent working relationship with the staff and Board of Directors at South Nation Conservation over the past eight years. This funding builds on our success by encouraging conservation and providing more support for recreational fishing opportunities for generations to come,” said Guy Lauzon, Member of Parliament for Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry. “South Nation Conservation is excited to be partnering with the

Government on projects that help to protect our local fish populations. These projects not only help improve fish habitat, they also provide learning opportunities for landowners on using natural alternatives to stabilize eroding stream banks,” said Bill Smirle, Chairman, South Nation Conservation