



Russell students plant trees to improve local aquatic habitat

SNC is partnering with 50 student volunteers from St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School and École élémentaire publique de la Rivière Castor, to plant 860 trees on Russell Township property. This launches SNC's Stream Watch Program, which relies on volunteers, guided by experienced staff, to participate in environmental monitoring, stewardship, and community collaboration in Prescott and Russell and the City of Ottawa. The Program receives funding from the RBC Blue Water Project and will include events on **June 12, 2014**. Check www.nation.on.ca for Program updates, or contact Phil Duncan: pduncan@nation.on.ca.



Streaming ahead at the Port of Johnstown

SNC, political leaders, Port staff, and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne partners celebrate six years of collaboration to complete \$35 million in environmentally friendly renovations at the Port of Johnstown. The investment is generating private sector interest surrounding the Port, and partners look forward to construction of final fisheries compensation projects under SNC's supervision.

Restoring Berwick boardwalk

Equine and pedestrian users alike will benefit from the boardwalk restoration in Warwick Forest Conservation Area. SNC is partnering with the Seaway Valley Arabian Horse Association to restore the 46 ft boardwalk to improve accessibility on the 4.5 km trail east of Berwick. The Association uses the trail recreationally, and twice annually for events involving over 100 horses. Work will be complete in June, with wood supplies from the equine partners and labour from SNC.

Dispersing grants for water quality improvement projects

SNC improves water quality in the City of Ottawa and Prescott and Russell by partnering with organizations to protect water resources for residents. The Eastern Ontario Water Resources Committee is dispersing grants for 2014 to support the voluntary implementation of projects to improve surface water and groundwater quality. SNC manages the multi-stakeholder Committee, which receives \$50,000 each from Ottawa and Prescott and Russell. This funding directly implements on-the-ground projects and research that address water resource improvement and protection.

Supporting community River activities

Opportunities for the public to enjoy, learn from, and experience the River, help protect our Watershed. SNC supports local, non-profit groups with River-related events and projects. The SNC River Grants program contributes up to \$300 per approved activity. Seven grants are allocated so far from the annual, \$4,000 fund. Interested groups can apply online www.nation.on.ca or, contact Ronda Boutz: rboutz@nation.on.ca.

