

Quebec recognizes SNC's water quality program

SNC partners with rural property owners to improve and protect water quality on private lands, for the public benefit. SNC collaborates with St-Albert Cheese, Parmalat, and municipalities to offer grants through our Clean Water Program—and we have been for 20 years. SNC is accepting an invitation to share this longstanding program's success with a keynote speech at the provincial Agri-Environment Symposium this November, in Drummondville, Quebec.

Dam reviews and repairs in SD&G

SNC dams at Chesterville and Chrysler will undergo assessments and structural updates, with funding approval from the province. MNR's Water and Erosion Control Structure Infrastructure (WECSI) program will provide 50 per cent of the cost for restoring a retaining wall and conducting four studies, with a \$67,250 project contribution. Dams require ongoing maintenance to ensure they are functioning effectively and continuing to protect people and property in the watershed.



"South Nation Watershed Scouts"



A Casselman-based Scouting group is changing its name to reflect its connection to the watershed—a first in SNC's 66-year history. Les Scouts de la 37^e du bassin versant de la Nation Sud will partner with SNC in ongoing efforts to protect and enhance our local environment. SNC provided a \$300 River Grant and "Scouts for Conservation" crests to support community activities that are a natural fit with our mandate.

SNC parks: nearby & natural



SNC works with our municipal partners to manage and maintain close-to-home, natural spaces. We are undertaking trail maintenance; picnic shelter repairs; dock construction; accessibility improvements; and sign installations at our

Conservation Areas for the enjoyment of watershed residents and beyond. Explore the latest addition to our network of parks along a 400 m wetland trail at the Findlay Creek Boardwalk in the City of Ottawa.

Reviewing retrogressive landslide studies in UCPR

Landslides in sensitive marine clay are potential hazards to people and property. SNC is partnering with Prescott-Russell and La Nation municipal staff and technical experts to review the existing hazard mapping studies, which are over 20-years old. The reviewers will meet to determine how the validity of past methods compares to current scientific standards; and provide recommendations to improve the mapping in a pilot study.

Working with municipalities to protect drinking water

SNC continues to support its member municipalities as they prepare to protect sources of drinking water through provincial plans. Local Source Water Protection Plans are currently under review by the Ministry of the Environment, with approval expected late this year. Municipalities will be responsible for implementing their plans, but may delegate some work to conservation authorities. SNC is currently meeting with municipalities to help assess the level of effort required to implement municipal source protection plans.



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