

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION NEWS RELEASE

CH2M HILL INVESTS IN LOCAL CONSERVATION LANDS

April 23, 2013 — CH2M HILL, the well-respected engineering firm with local offices on Prince of Wales Drive at Baseline, continues to quietly invest in the health of our local environment with a generous gift to the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation (RVCF). The funds go to the “Environmental Land Fund” which helps ensure that we have enough public greenspace and conservation land well into the future.

RVCF, headquartered in Manotick, is a registered environmental charity and land trust for the Rideau Valley watershed. An increasing number of families and individuals are donating their beloved rural properties and shorelands to land trusts such as RVCF to be kept in their natural state in perpetuity. These lands are taken care of by the Conservation Foundation until needed for new conservation lands. That is where our excellent corporate partners including CH2M HILL step up to the plate providing donations for legal, surveying and appraisal costs plus modest maintenance, public access, safety needs and minor signage.

Having enough readily-available natural land in the future would be at risk without CH2M HILL and other “Environmental Land Fund” partners. Few municipalities or government agencies have a budget for land acquisition these days. That’s why the silent partnership between RVCF and loyal, generous companies is so important and such a huge benefit to the people of the Rideau Valley. “We are pleased to be aligned with such a Foundation that truly represents the interests of the community,” commented Peter Mallory, CH2M HILL’s Regional Business Group Manager in Canada.

Employee-owned CH2M HILL has a fundamental commitment to the principles of sustainable development and works with clients to come up with innovative ways of balancing our social, economic and natural environments. The company is a global leader in consulting, design, design-build, operations and program management for government, civil, industrial and energy clients. They have been named one of the world’s most ethical companies by the Ethisphere Institute and have been providing quality engineering services in Canada for over 85 years. You can read more at www.ch2m.com.

RVCF is a registered environmental charity and land trust working to improve and protect our old friend the Rideau River and its tributaries right here in Eastern Ontario since 1971. RVCF is a proud member of Imagine Canada and the Canadian Land Trust Alliance. The Foundation website is www.rvcf.ca.

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