

# RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION NEWS RELEASE

## MONARCH SUPPORTS LAND CONSERVATION

February 3, 2014 — Monarch Corporation, Canada's oldest real estate company, has made another major donation to the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation's Environmental Land Fund. The money is used to help secure enough environmental land for future conservation use by the people of the Rideau watershed in Eastern Ontario.

Monarch's long and generous history with the Conservation Foundation has helped bring twelve properties into public ownership over the past twelve years including 100 acres of wetland in the Richmond Fen, a lovely island in Upper Rideau Lake and the beautiful Meisel Woods Conservation Area near Crow Lake. These conservation lands all have key environmental features like shoreline, wetlands and groundwater recharge areas that will be protected in perpetuity.

"We are delighted to work with Monarch Corporation as the local conservation partner. It warms the heart to see major corporations strengthening the environmental health of communities in which they live and work" said Foundation Chair Jason Kelly.

MONARCH celebrates its 97th anniversary in 2014. The home building company was founded in 1917 and is active in both the Ottawa and Toronto area. The Company has been operating in Ottawa for more than 30 years with two master planned communities presently active: Stonebridge in Nepean and Blackstone in east Stittsville.

The Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation is an environmental charity working to help conserve the lands and waters of the valley of the Rideau River in Eastern Ontario.

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