



# Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation The Trillium

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Welcome to the wonderful world of friends, business, families and neighbours caring for our own local environment right here at home!

## Partnership focuses on Water Quality in Barnes Creek

The Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation (RVCF) partnered with the University of Ottawa, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and TD Environmental Leaders Program to complete

an in-depth study of Barnes Creek in North Grenville Township. Students worked with Authority staff to take monitoring samples and to analyse the results in order to help local residents take necessary steps to improve water quality.



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▲ Top: Barnes Creek in North Grenville Township

Bottom: RVCF headquarters, LEED certified gold building ▼

## Charitable Donations in lieu of Birthday Presents

RVCF was the proud beneficiary of two generous birthday celebrations. Caela Fenton and Jason Kelly both asked their guests, family and friends to make a donation to the RVCF in lieu of birthday gifts.

Caela Fenton is a Masters student at Queen's University who is studying English literature. Her research interest is in the environment. Jason Kelly, Chair of RVCF, celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday at RVCF headquarters, surrounded by friends and family.

Thank you very much for thinking of the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation and Happy Birthday to you both.

## RVCF LEEDs the Way

The Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation is very pleased to be working with an Ontario firm to help them achieve their LEED certification. As part of their LEED submission they have made a donation to the Steve Simmering Endowment Fund for the long term care and enhancement of conservation areas. [www.rvcf.ca/simmering](http://www.rvcf.ca/simmering)

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a set of rating systems for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of green buildings and homes.

RVCF's office is located at the Rideau Valley Conservation Centre, which is proud to be a LEED certified gold building. [rvcf.ca/leed](http://rvcf.ca/leed)



Healthy Rivers ... Healthy Communities



**Chapman Mills — Movati**

The Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation was the grateful recipient of a \$25,000 donation from Movati Athletic Group. This generous gift is specifically earmarked for maintenance and improvements to Chapman Mills Conservation Area trails and boardwalk. Thank you Movati! We hope you'll get down to Chapman Mills and enjoy all of the new improvements. [rvca.ca/careas/chapman](http://rvca.ca/careas/chapman)

◀ RVCF Chair Jason Kelly receives cheque for \$25K from Sean Whittal, Movati Athletic

**Canon Gets Hands-on!**

Canon Canada sent a group of energetic volunteer helpers to the Baxter Conservation Area. The group wanted to focus on some hands-on activities and decided to improve access along Baxter's stone dust trails. They also painted buildings at the beach and pulled some nasty, invasive buckthorn from the forest. Not only did they provide the hard labour but they also made a donation to the RVCF to help buy supplies for all the work they did. RVCF sends a big thank you to the Ottawa Branch of Canon Canada. [rvcf.ca/Canon\\_Canada](http://rvcf.ca/Canon_Canada)



▲ Canon Canada volunteers pose after a productive day improving and enhancing Baxter Conservation Area

**Black Rapids Wetland Restored!**

The National Capital Commission and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority are collaborating with the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund to design, construct and restore an existing wetland in the headwaters of Black Rapids Creek, located in the Greenbelt. The wetland will:

- Improve water quality
- Provide rare wetland habitat along the Black Rapids Creek system
- Increase overall biodiversity

[rvca.ca/black\\_rapids](http://rvca.ca/black_rapids)

**Little Ray's Reptiles and LiVE 88.5 Continue Carbon Neutral Pledge**

Little Ray's Reptiles and LiVE 88.5 continued to plant trees to offset their carbon footprint in 2016. The process is quite simple. The RVCF calculator tells us the amount of carbon emissions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide) and then converts it to the number of trees needed to offset (or absorb) that same amount of carbon dioxide over the tree's 80-year lifespan. [rvcf.ca/carbon\\_neutral](http://rvcf.ca/carbon_neutral)



▲ Newly enhanced Black Rapids Wetland

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