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TAY WATERSHED

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Tay Walk 2024 Press Release

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Whether you are a visitor, new to Perth or have lived here all your life, Friends of the Tay Watershed invite you to join them on **Saturday, May 25, 2024, between 2 and 4 p.m.** for a **free, fascinating guided tour** along the Tay River and Canal between Last Duel Park and the park next to the Rainbow Bridge at the top of Mill St.

Bring your family, bring a friend, **park and start your walk at either Last Duel Park (ample parking) or at the top of Mill St. (limited parking)**. Pick up the Tay Walk Map and walk at your own pace. Meet the local experts positioned along the route who will share their knowledge of the history, wildlife and ecology of the Tay. The route is wheelchair accessible.

Meaghan McDonald from the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority will explain what shoreline naturalization is and why it's important. At another site, her colleagues, Haley Matschke and Amanda Lange, will talk about water quality and have samples of benthic invertebrates on hand for those who like studying water critters up close.

From Friends of the Tay President, Glenn Tunnock and Drummond/North Elmsley Planner, Brady McGlade, you will learn the importance of watershed conservation in ensuring an adequate supply of water for growth and development, sewage disposal, fire, navigational safety and tourism.

Retired ecologist, Shaun Thompson, brings to the tour his lifetime of knowledge of wetlands, wildlife and habitat diversity, and river resiliency.

At another stop along the route, local historian, Susan Code McDougall, will recount tales of the Tay River and Canal. Along this same route, Colin Stephenson, will share his first-hand knowledge of Tayside Textiles and early industry along the canal in Perth.

Bring your lunch and enjoy it at the picnic shelter in Last Duel Park before the tour.

Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, May 25 between 2 and 4 p.m.

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