

# Lake Networking Group Meeting- RVCA Update

## Fall 2021

### Corporate, Planning & Regulations

- Development application numbers continue to rise.
- Planning department is preparing an RVCA planning policy document which will complement our existing regulations and wetland policies.
- 424 Septic Re-inspections in Rideau Lakes, Tay Valley and North Frontenac Township. Regular maintenance recommendations (pump outs, baffles, vegetation removal) were the most common outcomes, with a handful of systems requiring replacement. Contact: [Eric.Kohlsmith@rvca.ca](mailto:Eric.Kohlsmith@rvca.ca)

### Education Programs

- Foley Mountain and Baxter Conservation Area are offering full and half day Forest School for ages 4 to 10. Sessions start the week of September 27<sup>th</sup> and run until mid December. Some spaces still available.

### Conservation Lands

- Conservation Lands is currently looking for marginal lands/hay fields, 20 to 100 acres, within the Rideau Valley Watershed to convert into conservation land for species at risk and carbon sequestration. We have options including purchase, donation, or split receipts (combination of purchase and donation) and may be dependent on funding raising success. Please contact [Dan.Cooper@rvca.ca](mailto:Dan.Cooper@rvca.ca) for more info.

### Stewardship

- 200,000 + trees were planted in spring through the RVCA tree planting program.
- Partnering with Lanark County to giveaway 3000 tree plugs on **Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>** at the County Offices on Sunset in Perth. This is part of Lanark County's Climate Plan to plant 1 million trees.
- 13,000 + trees and shrubs were planted along shorelines through the Shoreline Naturalization Program. Site visits are still available for projects to be completed in spring 2022. Contact: [Meaghan.McDonald@rvca.ca](mailto:Meaghan.McDonald@rvca.ca)
- Partnered with Upper Rideau Lake and Otty Lake to do spring bulk tree and shrubs sales organized by the Lake Associations. Continued partnership with Bobs & Crow Lake Foundation to provide stewardship project top ups.
- 1300 butternut tree seedlings were distributed through the butternut recovery program

## Monitoring and Reporting

- Lake monitoring is back to full capacity thanks to assistance from more than a dozen lake volunteers who completed monitoring duties. The fourth and final round of monitoring will begin the first week of October. Reminder that Haley Matschke is the contact for Lake sampling while Sarah MacLeod-Neilson is helping out our planning team with development reviews.
- In 2022, instead of a subwatershed and catchment report, an existing conditions report for the entire Watershed will be prepared that will allow readers to generally compare results subwatershed by subwatershed and for lake residents, water quality lake by lake. Contact: [Martin.Czarski@rvca.ca](mailto:Martin.Czarski@rvca.ca)