

Stream Watch Program

The goal of the program is to obtain, record, and manage valuable information on the physical and biological characteristics of creeks and streams in urban areas, while ensuring that they are respected and valued natural features of the communities through which they flow.

To this end, the program relies on and encourages the interest and commitment of volunteers from the community, guided by an experienced coordinator, to learn and conduct macro stream assessments on local waterways. Volunteers also participate in sampling fish communities through seining and electrofishing, aquatic invertebrate sampling, assisting in stream clean-ups and habitat rehabilitation projects such as riparian planting.

2014 Highlights

In 2014, South Nation Conservation in partnership with Rideau Valley Conservation and Mississippi Valley Conservation implemented the City Stream Watch Program. A total of 154 volunteers participated in over 13 environmental projects throughout the year.





2015 Objectives

In 2015, the Stream Watch Program will target the North Castor River. This stream is located within Castor River Subwatershed and stretches 8.9 kilometers. Volunteers are encouraged to contact SNC staff for information on particular projects throughout the year. Upcoming projects include a riparian planting projects where 6000 trees will be planted along the North Castor River on private property.

How to Get Involved?

South Nation Conservation is actively involved in community groups across the watershed. Interested volunteers are encouraged to contact SNC staff for opportunities to get involved. Contact information is available at the bottom of the sheet.

- 1. Stream Monitoring
- 2. Garbage Clean-ups
- 3. Fish and Benthic Invertebrate Sampling
- 4. Fish Habitat Enhancement Projects and Tree Planting Projects
- 5. Invasive Species Removal

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