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SOUTH STUKELY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION (ACNSS) ANNOUNCES

THE CREATION OF TWO NATURAL RESERVES



Stukely-Sud, March 27, 2019 – South Stukely Conservation Association (ACNSS) today welcomes the creation of two natural reserves on its dominant lands in the Quilliams creek watershed. The Lake Brousseau and Kingfisher reserves are ideally located in the village, on both sides of road 112, and are on both sides of the origins of Quilliams creek. ACNSS was founded in 2004 with the mission to protect fragile wetlands and other strategically located tracts of lands and forests on its territory.

The protected area of approximately 17 acres, which will form the spine of an eventual network of properties in the four drainage basins in South Stukely, brings to 150 acres of land that will be protected forever by ACNSS and individual property owners working with the association through a program of the federal and Quebec governments. “This will help the country and the province, in a modest way, meet their commitments under the Aichi Target 11 of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020” said President Gary Richards. The goal of that agreement was to protect 17% of the land area. The association will continue with strategic acquisitions as time and budgets permit.



Team of Board of Directors. The signing of our two Natural Reserve documents; Back row, from left to right: ACNSS board members, Patrick Binckly, Marie-France Perraton (future member), Micheline Morin (vice-president) and Christina Davidson; Véronique Thibault, representing Appalachian Corridor. Front row: Mélanie Roy, secretary and Gary Richards, President. Missing Rejean Demers and Patricia Voumard.

ACNSS is one of the earlier members of the 17-member Appalachian Corridor network of local conservation associations. “While protecting land held privately in perpetuity has been a major achievement across the southern Townships for the last 15 years, the task is daunting if we are

to meet government norms of protecting 17% of all Quebec territory” added Board Member Mélanie Roy. Throughout its journey, ACNSS has been supported by the Municipalité de Stukely-Sud, Appalachian Corridor, Renaissance Brome Lake, Environment Canada and Quebec’s Ministère de l’Environnement et Lutte contre les changements climatiques (sustainable development and climate change).

ACNSS is now heading a project to help streamline the basic by-laws in the four municipalities that form the drainage basin for Brome Lake and protect critical biodiversity and ecological services from South Stukely to Brome Lake.

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