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Appalachian Corridor and Conservation Espace Nature Shefford protect 41 hectares (101 acres) in Shefford

Shefford, June 7 2019 – Appalachian Corridor and Conservation Espace Nature Shefford (CENS) are pleased to announce the protection of nearly 41 hectares (ha) in the Bromont-Shefford corridor, a high priority wildlife corridor. This newly protected natural area brings to more than 13,500 ha the network protected by Appalachian Corridor and its partners in the Appalachian region of Southern Quebec. “The acquisition of this property by CENS, a long-time partner and affiliate of Appalachian Corridor, will contribute to maintain ecosystem connectivity by protecting forest and wetland habitats located in the heart of the wildlife corridor, allowing the movement of species between the Brome and Shefford Mountains on both sides of Highway 10” explained Mélanie Lelièvre, Executive Director of Appalachian Corridor. The CENS-Entre-Monts property is located within the Bromont-Shefford corridor, allowing essential ecological linkage between the two Monteregian hills. The conservation of this site is a significant step in protecting the natural corridor. Other soon-to-be protected areas will consolidate connectivity in this sector. “We are very pleased with the conclusion of this strategic project, which allows us to protect an exceptional natural area for perpetuity. We hope that the CENS-Entre-Monts protected area is the first of many links in establishing the Bromont-Shefford natural corridor, leading to future wildlife habitat management” commented Gérard Lavoie, President of CENS. Pierre Breton, MP for Shefford said: “More than ever, protecting the environment is at the heart of our priorities. Collaboration is essential for the protection of nature and the wildlife that depends on it. That's why I'm pleased that the Government of Canada supports Appalachian Corridor. This financial support of \$115 000 under the Canada Nature Fund will enable the organization to work with its conservation partners for the conservation of an area of 41 hectares (101 acres) in the municipality of Shefford. It is by working closely with communities and organisations that we can protect wildlife habitats and ensure their survival for generations to come.”

Natural Areas Connectivity

The protection of this site fits right in the conservation strategy of Appalachian Corridor. Indeed, since it is located within the high priority wildlife corridor, the CENS-Entre-Monts property is a major contribution to the preservation of the ecological link between two Monteregian hills. Connectivity of wooded areas is also an essential measure to adapt to climate change. Joel Bonin, Associate Vice President at Nature Conservancy of Canada in Quebec, has praised this conservation project: “The Nature Conservancy of Canada congratulates Appalachian Corridor in protecting these natural areas of great ecological wealth. Thanks to the *Ensemble pour*

la nature project, brought forth by the Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, NCC is proud to collaborate with the organization to expand the network of protected areas in Quebec for the benefit of our children and grandchildren.”

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Appalachian Corridor thanks the following partners: Environment and Climate Change Canada through the Nature Fund of Canada, projet Ensemble pour la nature du ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques du Québec, Nature Conservancy Canada, the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Echo Foundation. In addition, the protection of this property is part of the major project Ecological corridors: a climate change adaptation strategy project, coordinated by Nature Conservancy Canada in Quebec and its many partners. This project is carried out thanks to the financial participation of the Government of Quebec, in the framework of the 2013-2020 Action Plan on Climate Change, funded by the Fonds vert.

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Conservation Nature Space Shefford

Conservation Espace Nature Shefford (CENS) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect the landscape from visual, sound and light pollution, to acquire land and create protected areas, to participate in the conservation and development of biodiversity, fauna, flora and wetlands, to develop pedestrian access to the mountains and parks of the Municipality of Shefford Township, to preserve the quality of groundwater and surface water and to raise awareness about environmental issues. For further information, contact CENS by email at info@censhefford.ca or follow us on Facebook (CENS - Parc des Montagnards - Shefford).

Appalachian Corridor

Appalachian Corridor is a non-profit conservation organization founded in 2002 with a mission to protect natural areas in the Appalachian region of Southern Québec. Through the implementation of a transborder conservation strategy, Appalachian Corridor works with local communities to maintain and restore a way of life that respects the ecology of the region from a perspective of sustainable development. appalachiancorridor.ca

About Fonds vert

The Fonds vert, where 100% of the revenue generated by carbon market auctions is paid, finances the implementation of the measures of the 2013-2020 Climate Change Action Plan. These projects aim to reduce GIS emissions and improve Québec society's ability to adapt to the impacts of climate change. To date, the carbon market has generated revenues of more than \$2.6 billion for Quebec, which support Québec businesses, municipalities, institutions and citizens in their transition to a more sober world in carbon.

About PEPN

Le projet Ensemble pour la nature is a \$ 15-million, three-year grant to CNC from the ministère de l'Environnement et des Changements climatiques (MELCC). It aims to establish financial partnerships and the acquisition of scientific knowledge to ensure the conservation and protection of natural habitats on private lands in Quebec by March 31, 2020. It thus tends to create solidarity with respect to protected areas by encouraging the Quebec community to take action to preserve the environment.



Sugar-tolerant maple grove on CENS-Entre-Monts property