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### CONSERVATION: A NEW DOMINANT LAND IN SUTTON JUNCTION

**Eastman, May 15, 2015** – Appalachian Corridor and Mount Echo Conservation Association (MECA) are pleased to announce the protection of 12.9 ha in the Town of Sutton, thanks to a generous donation made by Mr. Arthur Faucher. Mr. Faucher's ecogift adds to the 12 000 ha of private lands already under conservation within Appalachian Corridor's territory of action. When asked about what led him to donate his property, Mr. Faucher explained: "Many people in my area started making ecological gifts, so I decided to join them. I do this for future generations."



From left to right: Mr. Brian Herman, President of MECA, Ms. Elaine Rogers, Secretary of MECA, Mr. Arthur Faucher, Owner and Donor, Mr. David Brisson, conservation Advisor with Appalachian Corridor and Mtre. Mylène Paquette, Notary.

As a first dominant land in Sutton Junction, this property opens the door for a new conservation area. "Fresh water and Wood Turtles. Cedars, Hemlocks, Yellow Birch, Black Cherry, Spruce and Balsam Fir. A winter yard for white-tailed deers. Our first dominant land in Sutton Junction. This is a good start. Thank you Arthur Faucher" said M. Brian Herman, President of MECA.

## An abundance of wildlife and species at risk

Mr. Faucher's property has undeniable ecological value and features two species vulnerable to harvesting in Quebec: the Two-leaved Toothwort and Ostrich Fern. However, its main ecological interest lies in its streams and wetlands, populated by the Wood Turtle, a species listed as threatened in Canada and vulnerable in Quebec. Mr. Faucher made several interesting wildlife sightings of his own through the years. "Many wild animals use this land: the white-tailed deer, moose, foxes, hares..." The land also boasts a spring Mr. Faucher is especially proud of: "I used to go there often as a kid. I have many fond memories of being there."



Wood Turtle

## Acknowledgements

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## Appalachian Corridor

Appalachian Corridor is a non-profit conservation organization founded in 2002, with a mission to protect natural areas as well as biodiversity in the Appalachian area (South of the Eastern townships). Appalachian Corridor's territory of action now counts over 12,000 ha of natural areas on private lands that are now protected in perpetuity thanks to cooperation with private owners, local and national conservation organizations and several other partners.

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