



Nature Conservancy of Canada acquires 3km² at the entrance of the Green Mountains Nature Reserve in Sutton

Popular spot for tourists, outdoors enthusiasts, hikers to grow

Sutton, March 10, 2016 – The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is pleased to announce the protection of over three square kilometres of critical habitat in the Sutton area of the Green Mountains in Quebec.

This property is being purchased from the new owners of the adjacent Mount Sutton ski resort. The lands will remain accessible to hikers at all times and extend the Green Mountains Nature Reserve, which currently covers 70 square kilometres.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada in Quebec is continuing efforts with its partners to finish a fundraising campaign to secure and enhance this unique site. It has set a June completion date to raise the money.

“The Nature Conservancy of Canada has managed to secure this property thanks to the great generosity of many local residents and stakeholders, as well as of foundations, government agencies and conservation organizations who have already stepped up to help. All partners and donors will be acknowledged and recognized during a formal announcement in the coming weeks,” said Joël Bonin, director of the Nature Conservancy of Canada in Québec.

People, businesses and other interested groups are encouraged to learn more and donate by visiting www.natureconservancy.ca/sutton-donate or by calling NCC at 1-877-876-5444, extension 294.

This will provide the community an opportunity to show how it cares about this remarkable site and to collaborate on this large-scale project, turning the Sutton area into an important entry point for hikers visiting the Green Mountains Nature Reserve.

A unique natural environment

Located in the Eastern Townships, close to Montreal, the property covers the Dos d'Original and the northwest side of Mount Gagnon. There are eighteen streams crossing the property that represent an important reserve of crystal clear water, which is key to the survival of spring salamander, an at-risk species.

The site also has large-ranging mammals, such as the moose and the fisher. It also features rich “old-growth forest”. This site with its incomparable view will remain pristine, free from development.

Appalachian Corridor, Parc d'environnement naturel de Sutton (PENS) and Les Sentiers de l'Estrie (SE) are working jointly with the Nature Conservancy of Canada to carry out this project and raise funds. Together, they celebrate this securement with the entire population, while combining forces to enhance the property.

About

The Nature Conservancy of Canada owns the Green Mountains Nature Reserve (70 square kilometres) and is Quebec's and Canada's leading not-for-profit private land conservation organization, working to protect our most important natural areas and the plants and animals they sustain.

Since 1962 NCC has helped to protect more than 2.8 million acres (1.1 million hectares) across the country, including 98,800 acres (40,000 hectares) in Quebec. It is by protecting and managing these natural environments that they can be made accessible to this generation and those to come. To learn more, visit www.natureconservancy.ca.

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