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MORE THEN 100 new hectares have been protected IN THE PAST MONTHS!



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The Yellow Warbler is one of the 45 bird species recorded on the property.

A SECOND CONSERVATION PROJECT FOR MS. CÔTÉ | Sutton

Ms. Nicole Côté, accompanied by Appalachian Corridor, donated a 42.4-hectare (105 acres) conservation easement to the Ruiter Valley Land Trust (RVLT). Located on the Mississquoi River, the property is a habitat of choice for the Wood Turtle, which is designated as threatened in Canada and vulnerable in Quebec. **This second conservation project, 10 years after her first one, was pre-planned when Ms. Côté purchased the land. Indeed, the acquisition of this property was done specifically to turn it into a protected area!** Ms. Côté is strongly committed to conservation and her gesture has already inspired others.

AN ESSENTIAL PIECE FOR CONNECTIVITY | Bolton-Est

The addition of Ms. Elise Lacroix's property to the network of protected areas in the Mount Chagnon area connects two existing protected areas and consolidates ecological continuity forever! Completion of this project led to 8.13 hectares (20 acres) being protected in perpetuity in the municipality of Bolton-Est. Our heartfelt thanks to Ms. Lacroix and to our local conservation partner, CVS (Conservation des vallons de la Serpentine), now guardian of this new conservation servitude!



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Ms. Frenette, accompanied by Marc Leloup, Land Protection Coordinator and André Champoux, Conservation Advisor.

A TRIBUTE TO HER LATE HUSBAND | Bonsecours

Ms. Diane Frenette contacted Appalachian Corridor to honour the memory of her late husband, who was passionate about their property's natural habitats. Seven years later, she sold part of her land for a fraction of its value to Appalachian Corridor, as part of the Ecological Gifts Program. **Nearly 15 species of birds considered a priority by the Canadian Wildlife Service have been recorded on the property beloved by her husband. As a tribute, just over 8 hectares (19,8 acres) of land are now protected forever.**

ONE STEP CLOSER TO PROTECTING MILLINGTON PEAT BOG – A SIGNIFICANT WETLAND | Austin

An additional 34 hectare (84 acre) tract of exceptionally rich habitats are now protected in perpetuity thanks to Appalachian Corridor and Conservation des vallons de la Serpentine (CVS). This project adds to the nearly 100 hectares (almost 247 acres) already protected by CVS at Millington peat bog. Stretching over 264 hectares (652 acres), the wetland complex is notable not only by its vastness but also because of its plant diversity, while noting that peat bogs are rare in the Eastern Townships.

The municipality's contribution was decisive in this project. Austin has been supporting Appalachian Corridor and CVS for several years to nurture conservation opportunities in this area. **We note a growing awareness among the region's municipalities regarding the services nature provides to the community.**



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To all these landowners, municipalities, volunteers and conservation supporters, a big thank you!



HEADING TO 2030: A NEW HISTORIC AGREEMENT

FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIODIVERSITY AND NATURAL HABITATS



The state of the environment has been in the spotlight in the last few months and with good reason! Two United Nations conferences were held on the subject, including biodiversity COP15 hosted in Montreal last December.



This meeting, which brought together delegates from 196 countries, led to the adoption of a bold agreement setting new targets for the protection of biodiversity and natural habitats. Canada is among the signatories and Quebec adhered to this historic agreement.

It lists 23 targets to reach by 2030 to halt biodiversity loss on the planet. The reduction of pesticide risks and the protection of 30% of terrestrial ecosystems are among the key objectives.



This deadline is extremely tight but the scientific community is unanimous, we have no other choice.

Conservation organizations will be called upon to play a decisive role in southern Quebec. Our region holds a remarkable conservation potential due to its rich natural habitats, thanks to the municipalities and landowners who are committed to land conservation. Appalachian Corridor is eager to keep doing more, with all your help.



PROTECTED FORESTS LOCK IN CARBON

Conservation actions reap numerous benefits, including carbon sequestration. Through its partnership with the company ECOTIERRA and its PIVOT forestry project, Appalachian Corridor has become the first Quebec conservation organization to join the carbon market.

The PIVOT project is the first forest carbon project in Quebec to be registered with the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) registry. It is the only project of its kind in Canada: its methodology includes conservation activity and it is a "bundled" project, thus allowing several small forest owners to join the project.

The PIVOT project produces Quebec carbon credits of the highest quality. To qualify, projects get vetted through a rigorous methodology certifying that the carbon credits produced are real, additional, measurable, verifiable and permanent. These credits cannot be purchased by just anyone. In fact, several sectors of activity not compatible with the mission of Appalachian Corridor and the values of ECOTIERRA are excluded from potential buyers.

Revenues from the sale of carbon credits will help finance a portion of the costs associated with protected areas' management (property taxes, surveillance, monitoring, etc.) and will serve as financial leverage for new acquisitions.

To find out more about the project visit:
corridorappalachien.ca/projet-pivot-marche-du-carbone
(French only)

CITIZEN SCIENCE: AN IMPORTANT ALLY FOR NATURE

Are you passionate about nature and the outdoors? Are you tempted to identify everything around you? If the answer to these questions is "yes", citizen science is for you!

Open to all, citizen science is an approach to scientific research in which the general public can participate in the collection of data and biological information recorded during nature outings. It will lead you to become an actor of science while developing new skills in species identification.

You see a species you think you can identify? Just write it down and that's it! All you have to do is register and follow instructions.

Sightings are reviewed by scientists before being entered into databases. This data can then be used to better target conservation actions to protect species.

Here is a list of projects you can take part in:
quebio.ca/fr/science_citoyenne_quebec



Why not join a citizen science project today? Grab your binoculars and go play outside!



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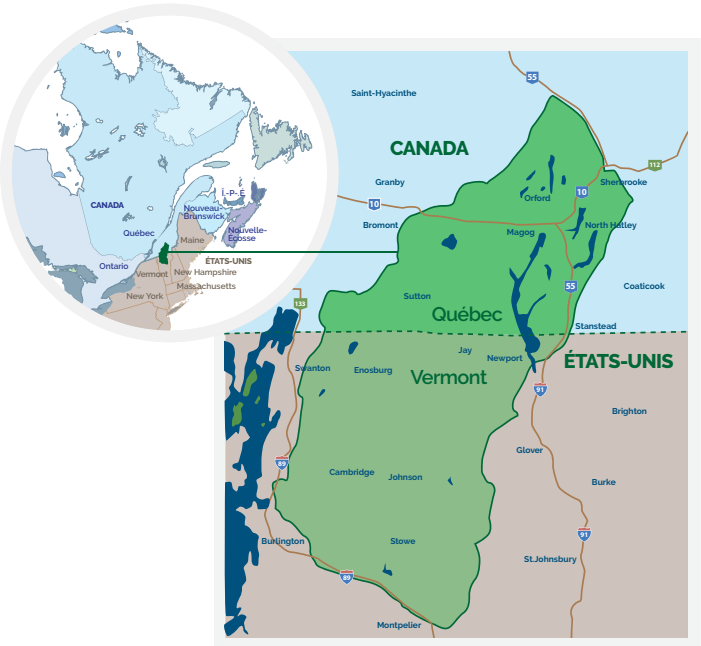


THE NORTHERN GREEN MOUNTAINS - A COMMUNITY-NOMINATED PRIORITY PLACE FOR SPECIES AT RISK

As part of the program called Community-nominated priority places for species at risk set up by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and supported through the Canada Nature Fund, Appalachian Corridor, along with seven partners, set up a project targeting the Northern Green Mountains region.

It aims to protect and restore populations of wildlife species at risk in this area and implement coordinated conservation measures involving multiple partners.

For more information on the project: corridorappalachien.ca/en/lpdc



The Quebec portion of the Green Mountains, also called the Northern Green Mountains, is a priority area due to its rich biodiversity.

DISCOVER OR REVISIT THE TRAILS ON MOUNT SINGER!

Located in Mansonville, Potton Township, Mount Singer awaits your visit with its 22 km of trails, a panoramic view from its summit as well as varied and rejuvenating landscapes, such as the one at Fullerton Pond.



You may even come across otters! This network of trails is a real gem and our team has put a lot of love into making it even more inviting.

You can choose your level of difficulty and the length of your hike.



Don't forget to prepare your excursion and buy your day-pass, which is only 7\$. Annual passes are also available.

For the trail map, all the information, and to buy your day-pass: corridorappalachien.ca/en/admission



Beaver Pond is one of the many viewpoints at Mount Singer.

A UNIFYING PROJECT ALLOWS THE PROTECTION OF A FOREST ON MOUNT GALE IN BROMONT

Appalachian Corridor and the citizens' group Protection Mont-Gale officially announce the protection in perpetuity of 14.04 hectares (34.7 acres) of high ecological value forest on Mount Gale in Bromont.

This project, costing more than \$3 million, required several stages of negotiation, regulatory changes and major fundraising efforts, including a major local fundraising campaign of nearly \$400,000. More than 350 donors supported the project.

This project is a clear example of conservation as a team effort. Everyone put their shoulder to the wheel: the Protection Mont-Gale volunteers, the citizens, the City of Bromont, as well as several financial actors.

This part of Mount Gale is now protected in perpetuity by Appalachian Corridor, not only for today's citizens, but also for those of tomorrow.



From left to right: Louise Gratton and Marie-José Auclair, members of the Board of Directors, Clément Robidoux, Conservation Director, Pascale St-Onge, Minister of Sport and Minister responsible for the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec and Brome-Missisquoi M.P., Stéphanie Latour, spokesperson for Protection Mont-Gale, Denis Laframboise, donor, former owner of the land and president of Balnéa spa, Louis Villeneuve, mayor of the City of Bromont, André Piette, volunteer of Protection Mont-Gale, Luc Dumouchel, member of the board of directors, Mélanie Lelièvre, Executive Director and Isabelle Charest, Minister responsible for Sport, Recreation and Outdoors and Brome-Missisquoi M.P.

FREE VIDEOCONFERENCE

ECOLOGICAL GIFT: MUCH MORE THAN A "SIMPLE" DONATION

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DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN MAKE A CONSERVATION DONATION AND STILL OWN YOUR PROPERTY?

You own land and would like to protect it so that it remains in its natural state forever? Options are available and it's easier than you think!

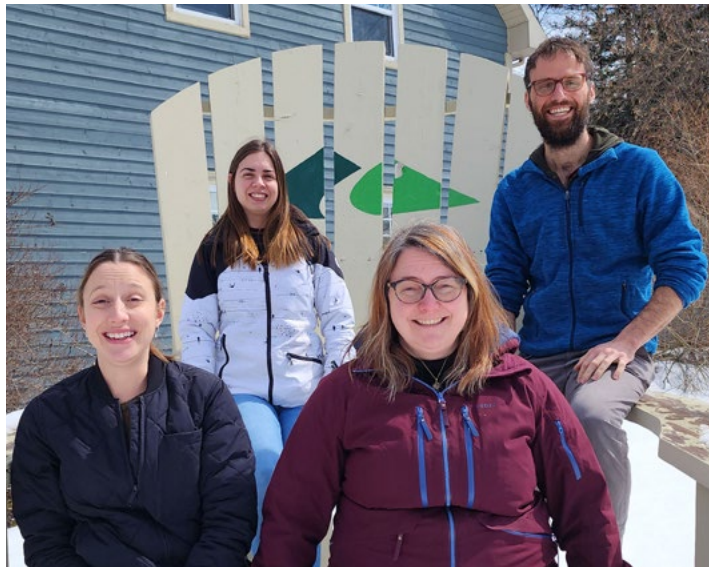
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WIND IN OUR SAILS: THE TEAM IS GROWING TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF PROJECTS

Projects abound more than ever for Appalachian Corridor. We needed help to meet the demand and keep up with the pace of conservation in our region. Quite a problem! It is with great pleasure that we announce the arrival of four new staff members in the team.



Welcome to Juliette and Vincent, Protected Areas Management Technicians, to Laurie, Administration, Human Resources & Development Coordinator, and Caroline, Community Relations Director.

BECOMING A VOLUNTEER... IS A GREAT WAY TO GIVE DIFFERENTLY!

Appalachian Corridor and its affiliates are always looking for motivated people with a passion for nature.

Examples of projects or tasks to get involved with include: patrolling trails, collecting ecological data on our protected areas, proof-reading, translation, etc.

corridorappalachien.ca/en/become-a-volunteer



If you think you can help with some of our tasks or projects, send us a message listing your skills, expertise, and motivations along with your curriculum vitae.

WHO IS APPALACHIAN CORRIDOR?

We are a non-governmental organization with charitable status. 2022 marked our 20th anniversary.

- Our Mission

Protecting biodiversity through the creation of protected areas on private land.
- Our Vision

To leave as a legacy a vast corridor of protected natural areas for the benefit of communities.

OUR PROJECTS ARE BASED ON SCIENCE AND A RIGOROUS APPROACH TO PLANNING.

As the second largest conservation organization in Quebec, our team consists of some twenty regular employees and welcomes the contribution of some fifteen interns and technicians during the summer.

We have built a solid expertise that goes far beyond the borders of our territory of action. Our projects are often punctuated by innovation and pave the way for new approaches that inspire other groups throughout Quebec.

Our unique organizational model advocates for key support to local conservation organizations that generates powerful synergy as a central component of successful conservation efforts in the Northern Green Mountains.



TO DATE, MORE THAN 16,300 HECTARES OF NATURAL HABITATS HAVE BEEN PROTECTED IN PERPETUITY THROUGHOUT OUR TERRITORY OF ACTION.

THANK YOU to all our partners and affiliates, and to the Nature Conservancy of Canada, funding partners, local municipalities, as well as donors who believe in the cause!

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?



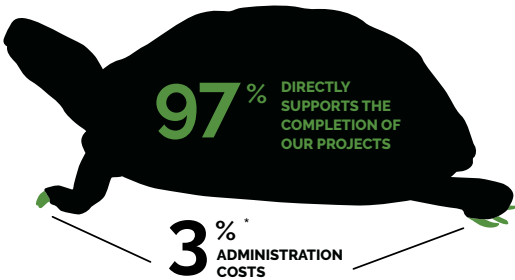
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You will receive a receipt for your entire donation at the end of the year. It is possible to withdraw from this method of giving at any time.

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Giving to Appalachian Corridor: it's choosing to give to an effective organization!



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