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for future generations*

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**Haliburton Highlands Land Trust - Grant Recipient
from ECCC**

Climate Change Awareness and Building Capacity for Natural Infrastructure Protection

Haliburton, November 26, 2019: The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) is excited to announce their success in receiving a grant of \$36,375.00 from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) under the Climate Action Fund initiative.

The HHLT Fred and Pearl Barry Wetland Reserve is located at the outflow of South Lake and the top of Kendrick Creek. With approximately 25 ha of wetland the Reserve is also part of the Kendrick Creek Wetland Complex. This large complex represents all wetlands flowing into Kendrick Creek from South Lake down to the Irondale River. It also includes a mosaic of wetlands perched on the top of the watershed that extends easterly to Snowdon Park. In total the Kendrick Creek Wetland Complex is 849 ha of wetland.

Wetlands have been recognized as having a critical function in regard to managing flood levels. Through the absorption of storm water and spring run-off, slowing of surface waters through wetland vegetation, and the redirection of surface water to the water table, wetlands significantly reduce the impact and probability of flooding. Along with being an important habitat for species at risk, wetlands also reduce our carbon footprint by being effective carbon sinks.

HHLT will be mapping and evaluating the Kendrick Creek Wetland Complex. "We are looking forward to connecting with landowners in this complex to acknowledge their excellent wetland stewardship and to provide information on a variety of incentive programs that are available to support this stewardship," Mary-Lou Gerstl, Chair HHLT.

Good stewardship of wetlands provides critical climate change ecoservices that help protect personal property and the properties of neighbours downstream. The protection of wetlands can mitigate the negative effects of climate change by reducing the risk of flooding and sequestering carbon.

“With communities across the country, the Government of Canada is protecting the nature we cherish for generations to come. Protecting more nature not only reduces our carbon footprint, it can also help our communities mitigate the impacts of climate change.” – Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change

To learn more about The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and for further information about this project and upcoming workshops please visit www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

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