



Nashwaak Watershed Wetland Habitat Conservation

Nashwaak Watershed Association Inc.

\$18,000 Grant

The Nashwaak Watershed Association (NWAI) is committed to the management of the Nashwaak River Watershed as a healthy ecosystem that balances a variety of economic, recreational, social, and landowner interests. This project aimed to increase private landowner awareness about wetland ecosystems and carry out a restoration project to re-establish critical migratory bird habitat.

CONSERVATION PLANNING

- 10,022 landowners were engaged through mailings and phone contacts.
- Communicated with all regional EHJV partners.

COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

- Outreach, negotiations and education of landowners of high priority EHJV habitat and neighbouring properties was conducted.
- Students in the watershed were engaged through the "Upstream Downstream" program.

WETLAND AND UPLAND RESTORATION

- 714 Silver Maple and Bur Oak trees were planted and 30m of highly eroded riverbank was restored.
- 11 volunteers were trained in restoring wetland habitat using bioengineering techniques, and 16 volunteers helped with willow staking activities.

<u>Top:</u> Poster for Bio-engineered Riverbank Restoration Tour conducted by the project. <u>Middle:</u> Volunteers assisting with wetland restoration using bioengineering techniques <u>Bottom:</u> Grade 3 & 4 students from Nashwaak Valley School planting a silver maple tree on a seasonally flooded property in Durham.

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