### **Introduction to Waterfowl Hunting Activities - 2017**

# Héritage faune \$20,000 Grant

Héritage faune is the official foundation of Québec's Federation of Anglers and Hunters (FédéCP). This project included initiatives to support the development and renewal of waterfowl hunters in Québec through the involvement of regional and local organizations. The goal of the project was to facilitate the development of hunting activities that promote youth, women or non hunters' involvement and to enhance the practice of family activities.

#### **COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION**

- 146 participants were introduced to waterfowl hunting.
- Recruits learned about the importance of wetland habitat, how to identify waterfowl species and participated in shooting safety training.



Photo credit: Héritage Faune

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### Protecting the Biodiversity of Forest Wetlands on Private Land / Southern Quebec EHJV / 2017-2018

### Fondation de la Faune du Québec \$75,000 Grant

The purpose of this project was to implement new conservation activities under the reformed Fondation de la faune program of Faune-Forêt (Wildlife-Forest). This program provides financial assistance for protection and enhancement initiatives of wildlife habitat in forests. It allows forest landowners to be better informed and supported technically regarding the management and conservation of wildlife resources on their properties.

#### WETLAND RESTORATION

- 15 regional projects were completed.
- A 3 hectare wetland was created and a wetland was enlarged to provide an extra hectare of habitat.

#### COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

- 80 landowner booklets were created with protection recommendations for landowner properties.
- More than 100 landowners were contacted to present the project and offer a field visit.

#### **HABITAT RETENTION**



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# Improvement of segment 5 of the Saint-Barthélemy wildlife management system

### Ducks Unlimited Canada **\$25,000 Grant**

This project was a response to the Lac Saint-Pierre Intervention Strategy, launched by the Government of Quebec in 2014 to address issues surrounding Lac Saint-Pierre. Beginning to restore Lac Saint-Pierre is an important task, as this site is an important, staging, feeding, breeding area for waterfowl. Through this project, Ducks Unlimited Canada planted a permanent vegetative cover that ensured the free movement of fish in their breeding habitat and optimized existing habitats.

#### **WETLAND RESTORATION**

- The design concept, field surveys, plans and specifications, and applications for permits/ authorization were developed.
- Weed control and the establishment of permanent herbaceous cover was completed on 104 acres.



Field surveying. Photo credit: Ducks Unlimited Canada.

# Restoration of Lac Ste-Anne wildlife management

# Ducks Unlimited Canada \$5,000 Grant

Some project activities were postponed as a result of a more comprehensive engineering study being required than anticipated (WHC funding to the project was therefore reduced).

The purpose of this project was to replace the existing water level control structure to ensure the sustainability of 640 hectares of habitat, maintaining this regionally important wetland.



#### WETLAND RESTORATION

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- Field visits were conducted by biology and engineering staff.
- Biological concept and dykes clearing completed.
- Contract for the Safety Assessment Study (SAS) awarded.