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Announcement of funding for a Community Forestry Education project at the Outaouais Environmental Campus

Chelsea, November 1st, 2022 - This morning, at the administrative center of the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais, a press conference was held during which the MRC des Collines warden, Mr. Marc Carrière, accompanied by Mrs Jacinthe Brisson, general manager of the Secteur sud-ouest at the ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts announced \$63,000 in funding for the Community Forestry Education Project of the Outaouais Environmental Campus (Eco Echo) under the Sustainable Forest Management Program (PADF) of the ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs and administered by the MRC des Collines. Also present were Éric Corneau and Christopher Minnes of the Eco Echo organization.

This initiative of the [Outaouais Environmental Campus](#) consists in gathering the best practices of environmentally integrated forest management and transmitting them to the population through theoretical and practical workshops. In May 2020, the Campus partnered with Tree Canada, the Agence des forêts privées de l'Outaouais and the Conseillers forestiers de l'Outaouais to plant 20,000 native trees and demonstrate best practices in agroforestry and land management.

Beginning in the fall, a series of community forestry education workshops allowed these (and other regional) partners to share their expertise with the broader community. In the first year, the workshops will be held in the municipalities of La Pêche and Chelsea, with plans to expand to the entire MRC des Collines in future initiatives.

« The Outaouais Environmental Campus project allows for the creation of knowledge to be passed on to citizens who have a forest on their land. This learning will result in more resilient and healthy forests across our territory! »

Mr. Marc Carrière, Warden of the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais

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