

# Conservation options for private landowners

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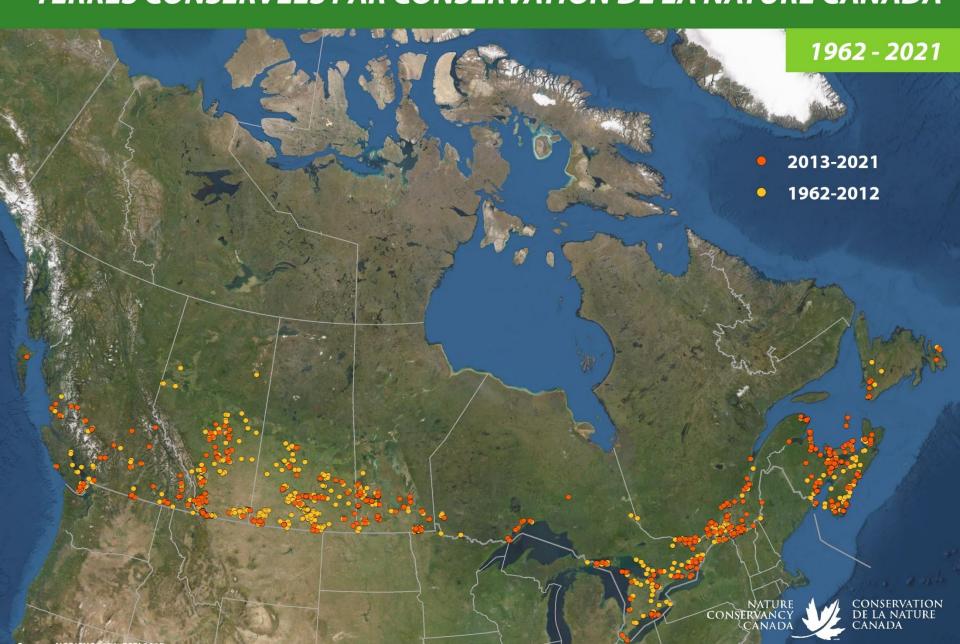




The Nature Conservancy of Canada is the largest conservation organization in Canada since its creation in 1962

- NCC is the country's unifying force for nature, working to deliver largescale, permanent land conservation
- NCC obtains its gains thanks to a network of individual and corporate partners who are inspired by its mission
- Over 15 millions hectares is conserved in Canada
- Efficient and effective: 79 % of funds raised are directed towards land conservation work

## LANDS CONSERVED BY THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA TERRES CONSERVÉES PAR CONSERVATION DE LA NATURE CANADA



NATURAL SITES PROTECTED BY NCC IN QUEBEC



### NCC IN QUEBEC



Close to 500 km<sup>2</sup> protected
The equivalent of the island of **Montreal** 

NCC protects an area similar to **132** hockey rinks **per week** 



Habitat for 200 species at risk



9 Quebecois out of 10 live near a protected site



More than 65 protected areas, including 15 accessible to the public



A « fleuve », the St. Lawrence, representing one of the most important rivers in the world, draining 20% of all fresh water on the planet





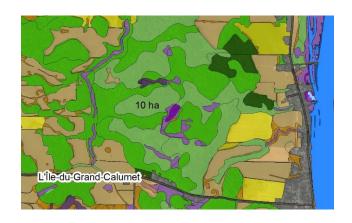
# OUT PROTECTION INITIATIVES IN THE OUTAOUAIS REGION



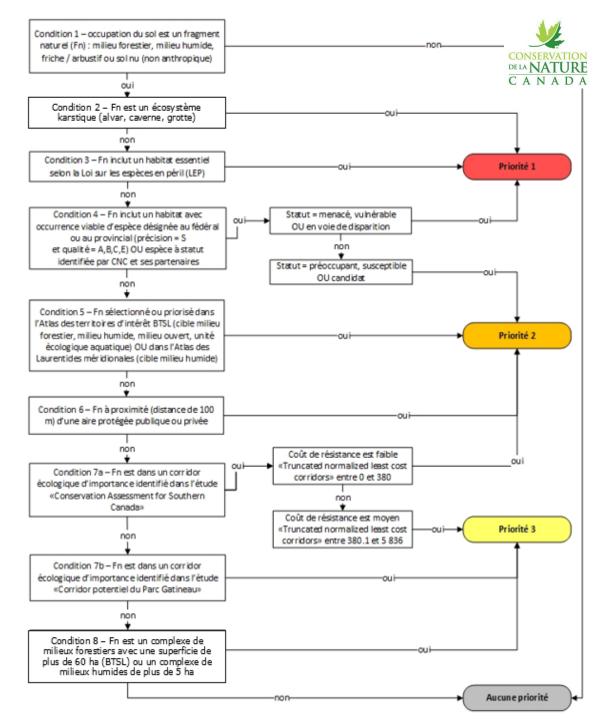




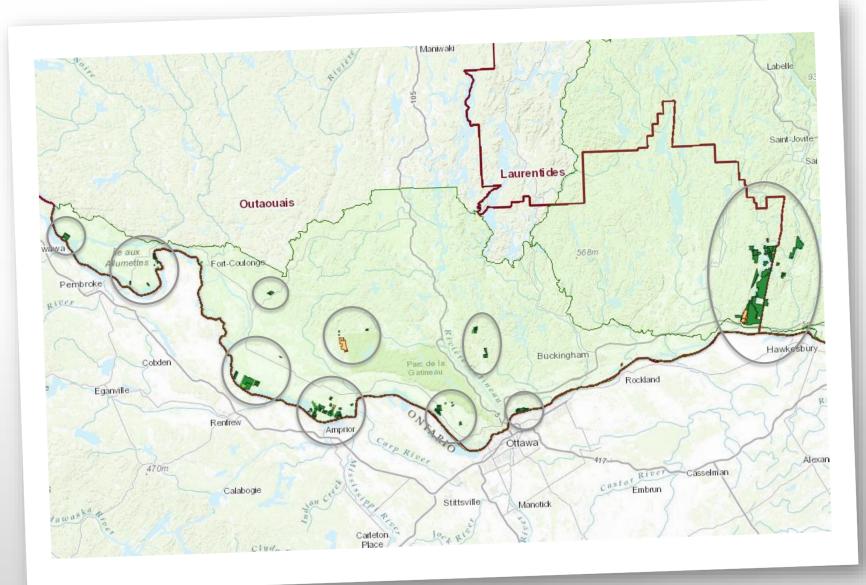
### Science-based securement planning



- Spatial analysis covering 5,704 km2 and 187,617 habitat fragments classified by land use
- Integration of multiple databases



### Outaouais Region



Over 10 800 hectares are protected



## WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS FOR YOU

Each securement project is unique



### Option 1 Land donation, sale and split receipt sale

Situation: you wish to dispose of the land, and it fits within NCC's priority framework

#### In all cases:

- There is a **transfer of title** (notarized deed)
- The value of the transaction cannot exceed the fair market value
- You have the satisfaction that the land is protected in perpetuity

Land donation: you receive a charitable receipt for the value of the land

Sale: you receive money for the sale of the land

**Split receipt sale**: you receive cash and a charitable receipt for the value of the

land (the discount must be 20% or more of the value of the land)

\* The charitable receipt can be used for a period of 5 years

\*\* The owner must have indicated his intention to donate



# Option 2 Ecogift or split receipt sale with Ecogift

Situation: you wish to dispose of the land, and it fits within NCC's priority framework

### In all cases:

- There is a **transfer of title** (notarized deed)
- The transaction is based on the fair market value of the property
- You have the satisfaction that the land is protected in perpetuity

This type of transaction is carried out through the **Ecological Gifts Program** of **Environment and Climate Change Canada**. The land must be certified as "ecologically sensitive".

#### **Benefits**

- The Government of Canada certifies the donation
- The charitable receipt can be used for a period of 10 years
- Capital gain is eliminated







## Option 5 Nature Reserve on Private Land

Situation: you want to retain ownership of your land and protect it for the long term

This legal status is obtained through the **ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs**. The land must meet a list of eligibility criteria.

To find out more:

https://www.environnement.gouv.qc.ca/biodiversite/prive/depliant.htm

#### **Benefits**

- Minimum term of 25 years and up to perpetuity
- Property is included in the Protected Areas Registry under the Quebec Natural Heritage Conservation Act
- Agreement published in the land register follows the land and binds subsequent purchasers
- Possibility of reduced property taxes



Option 6
Moral agreement for volontary conservation

Situation: you wish to retain ownership of your land and protect it to the best of your ability

You sign a declaration of intent based on a **moral commitment** to protect your property. You do your best to maintain good conservation practices based on the advice offered.

### **Benefits**

- No legal commitment on your part
- Learning about good conservation practices
- Relationship with a conservation organization



# NCC PROTECTED LANDSCAPES OF THE OUTAOUAIS











REID & FITZPATRICK ISLAND, L'ISLE AUX ALLUMETTES (135 hectares)



















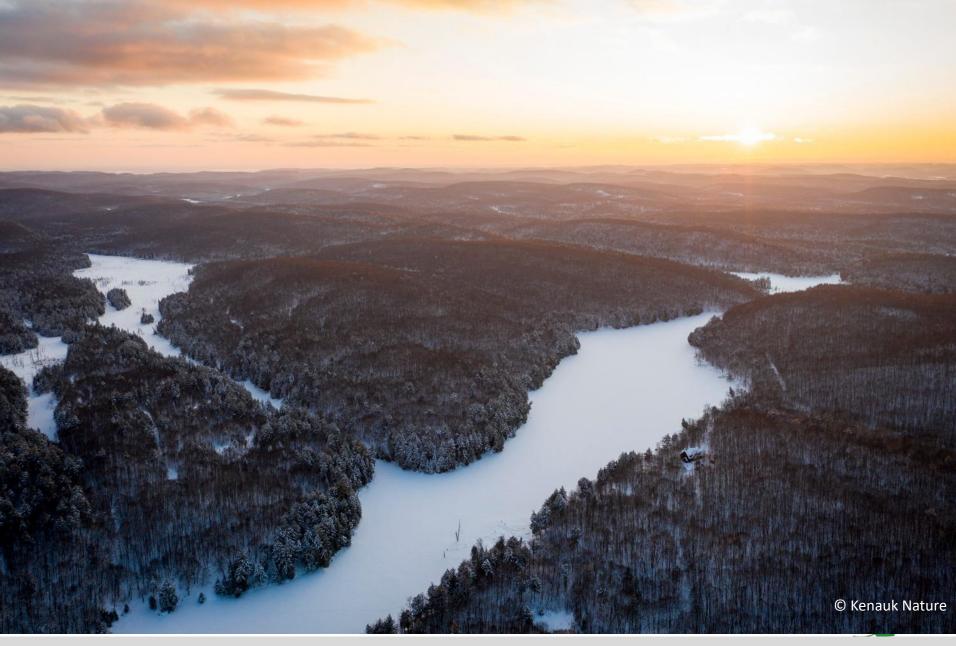














KENAUK PROPERTY (7600 hectares \*Outaouais et Laurentides)



### Merci!



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