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Success! Over the Top for Rock Dunder

On March 29th, 2006 the Land Trust completed the purchase of Rock Dunder. The members and supporters of the Land Trust contributed over \$200,000 to make this happen.

The preservation of Rock Dunder was a wonderful example of community collaboration. From Kingston to Ottawa and beyond, donors contributed with enthusiasm and determination to ensure this grand piece of property would be protected. They contacted friends and family to tell them of the campaign and ask for their support. And the support came. We received donations from across Canada, the U.S. and Europe. The message was clear Rock Dunder must be saved!



Rock Dunder Shoreline

Trailhead Kingston held a special night for Rock Dunder and raised \$16,000. That evening over 80 people attended and supported the campaign. The students from Kingston Collegiate Environmental Group and Queen's University Outdoor Club both presented cheques to the Land Trust in support of Rock Dunder. Kingston Whig-Standard writer Jack Chiang covered the story of the



Capacity Crowd at Trailhead Night

Over the Top for Rock Dunder campaign in a series of articles beginning with the Trailhead Kingston event. Trailhead Ottawa also joined the campaign. Beginning on May 27th, they will be presenting weekend kayak and canoe trips for beginners, to Rock Dunder. Trailhead will donate a portion of the proceeds of this project to the ongoing management of Rock Dunder.

Saving Rock Dunder has proved to be important to all three levels of Government. We would like to thank Environment Canada; Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources; Township of Rideau Lakes and Parks Canada, for their support.

Corporations and Foundations also donated generously. TD Canada Trust Ottawa and Kingston both contributed as well as The Community Foundation of Greater Kingston; Hiva Foundation and G. Tackaberry & Sons Construction.

Thank you for supporting the Land Trust in this acquisition.

Now the Heavy Work Begins



Grading the laneway

Our volunteer committee met in April and began planning the work required on Rock Dunder. The committee includes Matt Saunders, Joe Hamilton, Paul Gervan, Dave Walker, Gavine Schwier, David Delisle, Simon Lunn, Bryan Gale and James Raffan. Many areas require repairs and maintenance and we plan to work systematically through our list over the next several years.

A big thanks to Brad Johnson, Landscape Architect and long time supporter of the Land Trust, who developed a plan for the new parking area and the memorial wall. Brad has donated his time and expertise to assist us and has also arranged for aerial photography of the site to aid in the preparation of the overall plan for the property.

Volunteer work crews have begun clearing dead trees and branches along the laneway and in the new upper parking area at Rock Dunder. Last week the trucks and equipment worked on widening, graveling and grading the laneway and building the new parking area.

During this construction period, which we anticipate will continue through to the end of June, the use of the cabins and all overnight camping on Rock Dunder will be restricted. There will be opportunities for day hiking on the trails, however, **no overnights please**. Access to outdoor camping and cabins for overnight will resume once the laneway and parking areas are complete, but bookings must be arranged through David Delisle at 613-549-2573 (Kingston). David will be responsible for all cabin bookings and will issue all user permits. We thank-you for your cooperation.

By mid June the volunteer crews will be joined by a team from Katimavik to begin work on the trails.



New parking area

Our Thanks to the following Individuals and Businesses who have generously supported the "Over the Top for Rock Dunder Campaign"

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Annual Corn Roast - August 5th



For the past seven years the RWLT has “Rocked the Locks” at Chaffey’s with its annual Corn Roast. This year will be no different. The Cadillacs will be back and ready to rock & roll again. Don’t miss the kids in the afternoon as they build their boats and race for the Rideau Cup. The food is great the music will have your feet tapping and it is all for a good cause...the Rideau Waterway Land Trust!

Saturday August 5th 1 - 11 pm, Chaffey’s Locks Lockstation

Annual General Meeting & Dinner - Join Your Fellow Members

The 2006 AGM – Mark your calendars for September 21st. The Annual General Meeting and Dinner will once again be held at the Queen’s University Biological Station. This picturesque setting is a perfect venue for the Land Trust AGM; so mark your calendars now. This year James Raffan, noted author and Land Trust supporter, will be our guest speaker. If you have never had the pleasure of hearing James speak, now is your chance.

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Registration forms will be available online June 1st at www.rwlt.org or watch for our mail out in July.

**Watch for your membership renewal coming in June.
We look forward to your continuing support.**



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