

In the early 1990's a group of concerned citizens met to discuss their concerns about the disappearance of natural spaces along the Rideau Waterway and the methods available to preserve these spaces. Out of those early meetings grew the idea to form a land trust. The Rideau Waterway Land Trust (RWLT) was incorporated in the spring of 1996 as a non-profit organization with charitable status. With a growing supporter base and a core of active volunteers, RWLT has been able to preserve 21 significant properties (with more in the works!)



while expanding its area of interest to include all the communities within the Rideau Corridor from Kingston to Ottawa. Central to the values of RWLT is the focus on preservation of important land that support plants, animals, and clean water, in a way that is both inclusive and a benefit to the community. With two community use properties, Rock Dunder Nature Reserve and James H. Fullard Nature Reserve, RWLT strives for the right balance between access and the protection of conservation values.

As a multi-faceted organization, Rideau Waterway Land Trust relies on the professional background of its Board of Directors to accomplish this important work. Backgrounds in land use planning, law, fundraising, and donor relations are needed most at this time. Additionally, backgrounds in engineering, ecology, natural and cultural heritage, Indigenous relations are all useful professional fields that RWLT can draw from to help carry on the work of acquiring, monitoring, and conserving ecologically significant properties.

