



*Rideau Waterway*  
**LAND TRUST**

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## **OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE VOLUNTEER BOARD OF THE RIDEAU WATERWAY LAND TRUST**

The Rideau Waterway Land Trust is a community-based, not-for-profit organization dedicated to protecting and preserving important lands and sites along the Rideau waterway system, a National Historic Site of Canada and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The lands in the stewardship of the Trust include habitat for species at risk, sensitive wetlands, significant landscapes, lands with low-impact hiking trails for recreational enjoyment, all of which are protected in perpetuity. The Trust was established 25 years ago and now owns and cares for 21 properties totaling 470 ha (1160 acres), located along the 202 kilometer spine of the Rideau and Cataraqui watersheds.

The Land Trust is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors, responsible for strategic direction of the organization, setting priorities for managing its properties, and ensuring that the Trust operates within its bylaws and relevant federal and provincial legislation governing charitable organizations. The Board is also responsible for ensuring the financial sustainability of the Trust, by encouraging individual and foundation donations, applying for government grants, and setting supporter fee levels for its community lands where public access is allowed. Members of the Board also recruit and supervise staff who help fulfill the Trust's stewardship responsibilities.

The RWLT invites expressions of interest from individuals who would like to be part of the RWLT team. We are looking for persons with a strong interest in environmental issues who share the Trust's objective of protecting key properties through acquisition. Skills and experience particularly valuable to the Trust include property management and administration (land use planning, law, appraisal,) financial management and accounting, fundraising, biology, ecology, forestry, engineering, community outreach, advertising and personnel management. The RWLT has a working Board, with subject and thematic committees supporting the full Board's decision-making.

The Board meets monthly, approximately eight to ten times a year, with most meetings taking place via Zoom technology (fall, winter, spring), with summer meetings in person at a location central to the Rideau Waterway. Board members are expected to come to all meetings fully briefed on the agenda content, which can include strategic plans, individual property management plans, financial management and budgeting, fundraising, staff recruitment and management, and advocacy to support the land trust cause, locally and provincially. Directors also represent the Trust at events, conferences and on other occasions. RWLT works with many partner organizations such as the Ontario Land Trust Alliance and the American Friends of Canadian Conservation. Members are encouraged to bring to the Board's attention information on general trends in environmental sustainability, the land trust movement, and the natural history of the Rideau Waterway. Directors serve a term of two years, renewable at the organization's annual general meeting.

To inquire about joining the Board, please send us an email at [info@rwlt.org](mailto:info@rwlt.org)

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