

Rock Dunder Monitor

Stanley Lash Lane - ties with **Queen's, Scouts, RWLT and more** (with contributions by the Lashes' daughter Jenny)

The Lashes owned Dean Island which you look down on from the top of Rock Dunder. Sandy MacLachlan who was involved with the Boy Scouts in Kingston wanted good sites suitable for summer camps, and made arrangements with the Lashes to use Dean Island. After a few years, Sandy began a search for land that could be purchased.

Stanley and Ruth Lash also owned Rock Dunder. Without hesitation they gave the ownership of the Rock Dunder property to the Scouts. Included with the sale was a covenant addressing land protection and recreational uses.

Years later the Scouts Canada decided to dispose of some land, and was willing to sell Rock Dunder to the RWLT provided funds could be raised in six months time. RWLT rose to the challenge! Parks Canada helped. Descendants of the Lashes enthusiastically supported the transfer of this important legacy. It was heart warming to learn how the land had touched so many individuals in the past and the donations flooded in. It is now protected and a place for all to enjoy.

Dr. Stanley Lash was a Queen's University Professor in the Civil Engineering Department, serving as Head from 1955 to 1965. He began teaching land use planning courses within the department. This led to the creation of the School of Urban and Regional Planning (SURP), with Dr Lash serving as its first Director from 1969 to 1972.

Dr. Lash had great respect for and love of nature. He was active with the innovative Grenville Park Co-operative Housing Corporation in Kingston and in supporting protection of the Rideau Canal corridor.



Dr Stanley Lash 1908-1994

The next time you go hiking at Rock Dunder and drive up Stanley Lash Lane, you'll know how it got its name.

Supporter Passes for Entry

Visitors are reminded that supporter passes are required for access to Rock Dunder. A Day Pass is \$10 per vehicle; a Season Pass costs \$50. Passes are available at the gate when it is staffed or locally at Wendy's Country Market. Alternatively, passes can also be purchased online by visiting rwlt.org/lands/community-lands. Print the pass for displaying on your dashboard. If unable to print the pass, please write on a piece of paper the last five digits of the order number with the email confirming your Pass purchase and display this on your dashboard.

Parking:

When on-site parking at Rock Dunder is filled, visitors need to use off-site parking to the north. Alternative parking is available at the Morton Community Hall, 13 Judd St (take Queen St off Hwy 15 in Morton). Visitors need to be mindful while walking about 700m, much of it on the highway shoulder, from the parking lot southerly to the Rock Dunder entrance off Stanley Lash Lane. RWLT cautions visitors that vehicles parked illegally on the shoulder of Highway 15 may be ticketed or towed away..

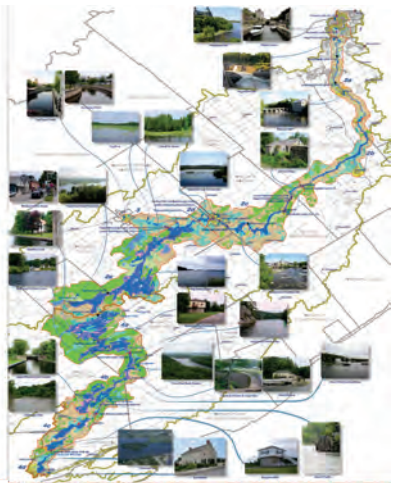


Collaboration - Science for Management

A joint team of university researchers are looking at social-ecological aspects along the Rideau Canal to identify ways to improve system management.

Rideau Canal Sustainability

A three-year research project, involving a team from the University of Ottawa and Carleton University, with support from the Université de Sherbrooke, has begun its study of the environmental health of land and water along the Rideau Canal. The team will be working in partnership with Parks Canada, though the agency is not the client for the results of the study. The team is composed of conservation biologists, evolutionary and aquatic ecologists, limnologists, water resource engineers and social scientists. The aim is to study the Rideau as a complex social-ecological system and come up with findings and recommendations to improve management of the Rideau Canal system.



The first of a series of four workshops, involving community-based representatives (e.g. lake associations, Friends of the Rideau, Queens University Biological Station, Watersheds Canada and RWLT) took place in March. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss what can be done to maintain or improve the environmental health of land and water in the Rideau Canal system, to understand the thinking of Rideau constituent groups and identify, where possible, common themes.

Over the coming months three more workshops will be organized, involving the private sector, governments (including Parks Canada) and indigenous groups. The results of the research will be made public over time, as the various phases of the work and analysis are

completed, via scholarly publications, recommendations to governments and communities, and other public communications. There is considerable potential for improvement in the management of water and land resources along the Rideau Canal, if governments and organizations at all levels follow up on the results.

Summer Students

As noted in the Chair's column, caring in perpetuity for properties of environmental significance does not just happen. It takes time and effort to prepare full descriptions of the current state of each property — including the existing plants, animals, and built environment items present. A management plan for each property is then necessary, as well as continued monitoring for invasive species control and habitat maintenance. This summer RWLT has hired a university student to help with updating and completing our plans. With over 20 properties in the Rideau Corridor, this is an ongoing task.

RWLT has funding approval from the federal Canada Summer Jobs Program for other positions, including assisting with gate duties and maintenance at Rock Dunder. Check our Facebook page for updates on opportunities.

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Looking for that off-grid waterfront cabin surrounded by your own woods? RWLT is once again providing access to natural heritage lands through the rental of a rustic cottage at its Bulls Eye Lake property north of Kingston.

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Rented by the week (Sunday to Saturday) May to October. For booking see the RWLT website.

Covington Cottage is available for rent weekly from RWLT

Save The Date!

Mark Your Calendar:

RWLT will be hosting a dinner for our supporters. **Plan to join us in Kingston on Wednesday, October 2, 2019.** A very informative and entertaining guest speaker will be with us for the evening. More details on this event will follow in a special invitation.



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