



RBC Blue Water Project Members 2009 Leadership Grant Recipients

CANADA/US CROSS-BORDER PROGRAMS

- **National Geographic Missions Program:** A grant of US\$200,000 (CDN\$230,920) will fund the conservation and research work of a Fresh Water Fellow (an international water expert) for two years. RBC will also extend its relationship with the National Geographic Society by sponsoring additional public outreach throughout 2010.
- **Institute for Journalism and Natural Resources:** A grant of US\$150,000 (CDN\$172,380) will support a program to help mid-career journalists explain and report on water issues in the Great Lakes region.
- **Atlantic Salmon Federation:** A grant of CDN\$150,000 will support “Fish Friends”, a program for students in grades 4 to 6 throughout Atlantic Canada, Quebec and New England. This education program currently engages over 20,000 students in over 600 schools.

CANADA-WIDE PROGRAMS

- **Water on the Ground:** A grant of \$500,000 will help Polis Institute and Sierra Club Canada to build capacity in sustainable water management by equipping local governments with tools that support water security across Canada.
- **Kids Can Free the Children:** A grant of \$300,000 will help launch the “H2O for U” speaking tour, which will visit 100 communities across Canada to educate youth about global water issues and inspire them to conserve and protect water.
- **Society Environment Energy Development Studies Foundation:** A grant of \$100,000 fund the creation of the POW Program (Preserving our Water), a water-themed curriculum for after-school programs. RBC has supported after-school programs since 1999 and currently funds 90 programs across Canada.
- **Ducks Unlimited:** A grant of \$55,000 will support a wetland education program that has engaged over 300,000 students from inner city schools across Canada since 1997.

CANADA- REGIONAL PROGRAMS

Atlantic Canada

- **Discovery Centre:** A grant of \$300,000 will support “Water and our World”, an on-site exhibit about Atlantic Canada’s water resources as well as an outreach program to increase student awareness of environmental and scientific issues.
- **City of Bathurst:** A grant of \$80,000 will help the City mitigate the impact of watershed effluent in the Nepisiguit Drainage Basin by connecting government, business and the community, and encouraging residents to get involved.
- **Nova Scotia Nature Trust:** A grant of \$70,000 will support a landowner education and community outreach program, raising awareness of threats to the St. Mary’s River and the importance of watershed protection.
- **Island Nature Trust:** A grant of \$45,000 will help protect a network of forest bogs, marsh, riparian areas and swamp lands in Cable Head, Morell, O’Leary and Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.
- **Quidi Vidi Rennie’s River Development:** A grant of \$30,000 will help fund a water quality monitoring program in the Nova Central district, involving 66 local elementary and secondary schools.



Quebec

- **Union Saint-Laurent Grands Lacs:** A grant of \$100,000 will help create a water education project for 200 CEGEPs (pre-university institutions) in Quebec, starting with eight located along the St. Lawrence River. Students will explore new ideas to change their usage and daily water practices.

Ontario

- **Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation:** A grant of \$100,000 will help improve the quality of water draining into Lake Simcoe, through the East Holland Restoration Project, addressing the most degraded and populated water course in this watershed.
- **Grand River Conservation Foundation:** A grant of \$100,000 will support two rural watershed protection programs in the Grand River area. One will help farmers with projects such as well-decommissioning and watercourse fencing, and the other will help non-farmers with projects like well-upgrades and stream bank stabilizations.
- **GBA Foundation:** A grant of \$100,000 will fund detailed assessments of wetland conditions on the east and north coasts of Georgian Bay, in order to protect wetlands and the habitats that depend on them.
- **Couchiching Conservancy:** A grant of \$25,000 will help the conservancy quantify the water quality of lakes between Georgian Bay and the Frontenac Arch as demonstrated through the production of algae.
- **Peterborough Green Up - Lakeland Alliance:** A grant of \$65,000 will support a Shoreline Advisor Program, where trained and qualified advisors meet with shoreline property owners in Haliburton, Bancroft and Peterborough to provide suggestions and positive water stewardship actions specific to each property.
- **Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters:** A grant of \$55,000 will help the Federation engage private landowners to conduct coordinated stewardship activities along streams in the Oak Ridge Moraine, Peterborough County, Lake Simcoe watershed and Northumberland County.

Manitoba

- **International Institute for Sustainable Development:** A grant of \$300,000 will help the Water Innovation Centre reach out to the Prairie agricultural community about sustainable water management in the Lake Winnipeg Basin.
- **Friends of the Earth:** A grant of \$100,000 will fund an intensive “soft path” process for Manitoba’s Pembina Valley Conservation District, in which several municipalities have identified water constraints.
- **Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium:** A grant of \$80,000 will fund a floating ecology program for students in grades 6 -12, with hands-on activities taking place on-board a research boat.

Alberta

- **Alberta Conservation Association:** A grant of \$75,000 will fund conservation efforts in a watershed where there has been a decline in fisheries and riparian conditions, involving watershed protection advisory councils for the Red Deer River and Lesser Slave Lake.
- **Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society:** A grant of \$50,000 will help the Society test water-quality, monitor wildlife and undertake initiatives to keep the riparian zone clean and weed-free.



British Columbia

- **Pacific Salmon Foundation:** A grant of \$80,000 will help River Wise BC develop certification standards to evaluate and rectify unsustainable land management practices that negatively affect salmon and their habitat. This project will be done in partnership with environmental groups, government, First Nations and other stewardship organizations.
- **Trout Unlimited Canada:** A grant of \$75,000 will help fund the restoration of six watersheds around Bowser and Qualicum Beach.

CANADA-ABORIGINAL

- **Trent University:** A grant of \$500,000 will help enhance technical and lay expertise for the protection of drinking water in northern indigenous communities.
- **Nipissing First Nation:** A grant of \$50,000 will fund a source water protection plan that will be socially and economically sustainable, culturally sensitive, independent and self-governed.

UNITED STATES

- **James River Association:** A grant of US\$100,000 (CDN \$115,460) will help the Association build awareness and rally citizens from Richmond, Virginia to the Allegheny Mountains to protect their watershed from polluted runoff.
- **Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper:** A grant of US\$75,000 (CDN \$86,500) will fund “Tapped Out: The Drying up of Atlanta”, an outreach campaign that will educate citizens about the causes of North Georgia’s water crisis, while promoting sustainable land use, water and energy efficiency.

BRITISH ISLES

- **Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust:** A grant of £55,000 (CA\$104,340) will help the Trust create a sustainable garden at the London Wetland Centre that will demonstrate practical low-water gardening ideas, and encourage visitors to minimize their own environmental footprint.

Note: Financial references in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated.