

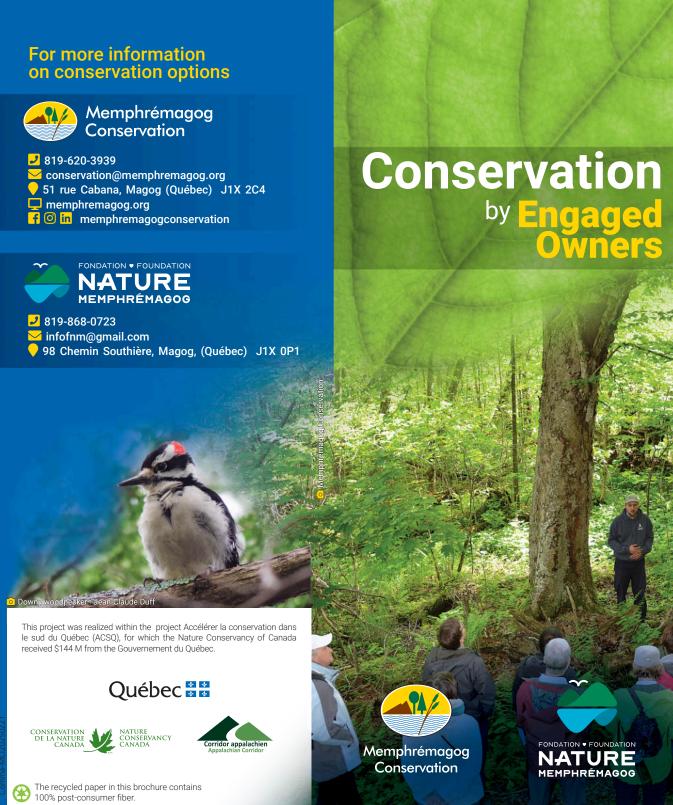
A group of neighbours create the Tompkin creek private nature reserve with the help of MCI!

50 ha (123 acres) of forests, wetlands and waterways are now protected in perpetuity thanks to the commitment of a group of property owners, a group of neighbours who purchased the land 25 years ago. The group includes Anna Amicarelli, Anne Boswall, Sylvia Burnett, Janice Hamilton, François La Fontaine, Sylvie La Fontaine, David Lépine, Peter Lépine and Ronald Mercier. The group made the choice to designate the major part of the property as a private nature reserve.

"Lake Memphremagog was always important to the life of our family. My dad was born and raised in Magog, and the family always spent our summers on the lake. Today a group of property owners in Ogden perpetuate this privilege. The beauty of the region and a respect for nature were values instilled in us from a young age, and now that we are residents of the region, we want to ensure that this peaceful area be preserved forever. Thanks to the creation of the Tompkin Creek private nature reserve and the support of MCI, this exceptional natural area will be protected so that future generations can enjoy it."

Mr. Peter Lépine and Mrs. Anne Boswalll





The Ruisseau-Powell (sector Lacasse-Benoit) private nature reserve: a great story!

Thanks to the desire of the owners, Gisèle Lacasse and Robert Benoit, their daughters Catherine and Valérie, and their grandchildren, and with the support of Memphremagog Conservation (MCI), they decided to preserve in perpetuity a portion of their property.

"The protection of the environment, and more specifically the protection of Lake Memphremagog and its watershed has always been a priority for us. We have lived here for many years and are very attached to our area and our community. We created this private nature reserve to ensure the protection of a forest and a wetland and all of the different ecological benefits they provide: protection of habitat for flora and fauna, better air quality, soil stabilization, storing of rainwater and attenuation of intense rainfall events. But what we hold most dear in the ecological role of this territory in the protection of the Powell river, the third largest tributary of Lake Memphremagog on the Canadian side. With this gesture, our family is happy to contribute in perpetuity to the protection of a small part of the Lake Memphremagog watershed."

The Benoit family







18,54 hectares protected in perpetuity in Fitch Bay!

In 2021, the Memphremagog Nature Foundation (MNF) became the owner of 18,54 hectares of land protected in perpetuity in the Fitch Bay area. This project, initiated by MCI and coordinated by Appalachian Corridor, is the fruit of a 2-year collaboration which resulted in a partial sale and an ecological donation by the Fluet family. This is the Foundation's second nature reserve. This future nature reserve will be named in honor of Gladys and Albert Fluet.

"Throughout our life, our parents, Albert and Gladys (Lacasse) Fluet, instilled in us a love of the land and, over the years, our father took immense pleasure in taking care of the forest. We cherish this love of nature, our many wonderful memories and a strong attachment to Lake Memphremagog " note Anita Fluet, Colette Fluet Desautels, Sylvia Fluet Beauregard and Raymond Fluet.

"We decided that it was time that the land, passed to us by our father, be preserved in its natural state and remain undeveloped. It is the best way to honour our parents' memory and our attachment to nature."

The Fluet family



A donation of 8 ha of natural landscapes to the Memphremagog Nature Foundation!

Mr. Jake Kakebeeke donated 8 hectares of land to the MNF in 2019 for ecological reasons. This nature reserve being created will be named in honour of his late wife, Diane Cyr Kakebeeke.

"When Diane and I discovered Georgeville for the first time around 1997, we drove around and discovered a road leading into the woods off of Channel Road. She and I simply adored what we saw. Here was the northern extremity of Taylor creek, which flows into Lake Memphremagog. The lake trout used this creek as spawning grounds. There were also old beaver dams dating from a previous era, as well as swamps filled with flowers. Bluebirds, Diane's favourites, nested along the shores of the creek. She declared that we had to buy this land to restore its historical splendour. I promised her at that moment that her wish would be realized."

Mr. Jake Kakebeeke

