

COMMUNITY INTERACTION PROGRAM

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Eco-development in schools united in support of Lac Saint-Pierre **\$25 000**

Sponsor: Comité Zone d'intervention prioritaire du lac Saint-Pierre [*Lac Saint-Pierre ZIP Committee*]

Region: Lac Saint-Pierre (Municipalities of Berthierville, Louiseville, Sorel-Tracy and Nicolet)

With this project Le Comité ZIP du lac Saint-Pierre [*The Lac Saint-Pierre Priority Intervention Zone Committee*] wishes to establish an educational intervention program on the environment. The basic goal of the teaching project is to raise young peoples' awareness of the importance of protecting and conserving the environment of Lac Saint-Pierre by encouraging their participation and recognizing their achievements in specific projects that will have positive consequences on the environment and on their community.

Posters promoting awareness of the reintroduction of the striped bass into the St. Lawrence River **\$18 000**

Sponsor: Fédération québécoise de la faune [Quebec Wildlife Federation]

Region: Montmagny at Lac Saint-Pierre

The project forms part of the program to reintroduce striped bass into the St. Lawrence and aims to raise anglers' and residents' awareness of the vulnerability of the species. The preferred approach is to post a series of notices reminding people that they must release accidental catches when they are fishing. This is necessary because several striped bass have been caught in the St. Lawrence since the reintroduction program began.

Awareness campaign about the contamination of water and marine organisms **\$25 000**

Sponsor: Comité Zone d'intervention prioritaire Côte-Nord du Golfe [*Côte-Nord du Golfe ZIP Committee*]

Region: Basse-Côte-Nord [*Lower North Shore*]

With this project, le comité ZIP Côte-Nord du Golfe [*The Côte-Nord du Golfe ZIP Committee*] wishes to rehabilitate the shellfish beds at Blanc-Sablon and Anticosti Island in the Pointe-des-Monts region. The planned activities aim to raise the public's awareness of the consequences of contaminating the water and marine organisms. The initiative suggests ways to reduce pollution caused by dumping, and to provide better information on the risks to human health..

Studying the potential for swimming at l'Anse Tibbits, Lévis **\$23 300**

Sponsor: Comité Zone d'intervention prioritaire Québec et Chaudière-Appalaches [*Québec and Chaudière-Appalaches ZIP Committee*]

Region: Lévis

The project's goal is to explore the potential of the beach at l'Anse Tibbits in Lévis for swimming. Activities will allow water quality data to be modeled against data for discharged water. Considerable sampling and careful analysis of the results should provide precise information on which to base further work, possibly leading to the safe opening of the beach in this part of the river.

Improvement of a public access point and an observation area on the grounds of the Fondation Félix-Leclerc on the Île d'Orléans **\$19 000**

Sponsor: Comité Zone d'intervention prioritaire Québec et Chaudière-Appalaches [*Québec and Chaudière-Appalaches ZIP Committee*]

Region: Île d'Orléans

Le comité ZIP Québec et Chaudière-Appalaches [*The Québec and Chaudière-Appalaches ZIP Committee*] will conduct a feasibility study on the improvement of a point of public access to the river, and of a wildfowl observation area, on the north shore of the Île d'Orléans. This is a prime wildfowl observation location in the spring and the fall, and is also the main public access point on the north shore of the Île d'Orléans.

Master Plan for the enhancement and conservation of the riverbank at Lévis **\$24 990**

Sponsor: Comité Zone d'intervention prioritaires Québec et Chaudière-Appalaches
[Québec and Chaudière-Appalaches ZIP Committee]

Region: Lévis

With local participation, le comité ZIP Québec Chaudière-Appalaches *[The Québec and Chaudière-Appalaches ZIP Committee]* want to develop an overall conservation and enhancement plan for the riverbank at Lévis. The plan will include, but will not be restricted to, information on biophysical, ecological, heritage, tourism and recreational considerations, as well as on public access to the riverbank in the former communities of Saint-Nicolas, Saint-Romuald and Lévis.

Mapping of underwater dump sites on the south shore of the estuary **\$22 900**

Sponsor: Comité Zone d'intervention prioritaire du Sud-de-l'Estuaire *[Sud-de-l'Estuaire ZIP Committee]*

Region: Bas-Saint-Laurent *[Lower St-Lawrence]*

The project consists in mapping the underwater dump sites in the vicinity of five to seven wharves on the south shore of the estuary. Volunteer divers will map the sites to determine the kind of waste present. In conjunction with this audit, an awareness campaign will inform residents of the negative impact of dumps of this kind on the surroundings.

Operation Cliffs 2005 (Using plants to stabilize parts of the cliffs at Matane) **\$24 859**

Sponsor: Groupe environnemental Uni-Vert Région Matane *[Matane Regional Greening and Environmental Group]*

Region: Matane

The project is the latest in a series of initiatives undertaken by the Groupe environnemental Uni-Vert since 2001. In this phase, rehabilitation work will be done in places along the cliffs at Matane. This involves using plants to provide stability. Dune wild rye will be planted on the beach, fascine bundles and cuttings will be placed on the top of the cliff, and halfway up the slope. In addition, an awareness campaign for shoreline residents will be conducted in an attempt to secure their participation in the project.

Observation area at the mouth of the Beauport River in Beauport Bay **\$49 767**

Sponsor: The Beauport River Enhancement Committee

Region: Beauport

The project's aim is to provide an area from which to observe the wildlife in Beauport Bay in order to restore some of the lost wildlife habitat, and to enhance this part of the St. Lawrence. The project involves the construction of a walking trail and look-outs, and the planting of trees and bushes in order to restore the area's vegetation. Interpretation displays will also be produced to raise awareness of the habitats in the river, and to encourage observation activities.

Cleaning the riverbanks on the south shore of the St. Lawrence - Phase 2 **\$40 140**

Sponsor: Comité Zone d'intervention prioritaire Les Deux Rives [*Les Deux Rives ZIP Committee*]

Region: Regional County Municipality (RCM) of Bécancour (Bécancour, Saint-Pierres-Becquets and Deschaillons)

Following the efforts begun in 2004, the project's emphasis is to finish the clean-up of the riverbanks on the south shore in the RCM of Bécancour. Tonnes of waste of various kinds will be removed, reducing their impact on the environment, and residents will be made aware of the concepts of recovery, reuse and recycling. Young people will have an important role since their participation will be a vital part of the social integration component of the project.

Mapping of the Îles-de-la-Madeleine wetlands **\$20 500**

Sponsor: Comité Zone d'intervention prioritaire des Îles-de-la-Madeleine [*Îles-de-la-Madeleine ZIP Committee*]

Region: Îles-de-la-Madeleine [*Magdalene Islands*]

The project's objective is to produce a management tool for users of the fragile environment in the Îles-de-la-Madeleine. This involves acquiring and updating data on the precise location of the wetlands, their state of deterioration, and their physical and biological characteristics. The relevant information and data gathered will lead to better management of the wetlands, and the protection of their sensitive areas. A wetlands awareness campaign will reinforce the actions taken at the site.

Clean-up of a part of the Saint Charles River at Salaberry-de-Valleyfield (The Lost Channel) \$22 202

Sponsor: Comité Zone d'intervention prioritaire du Haut Saint-Laurent [*Haut Saint-Laurent ZIP Committee*]

Region: Salaberry-de-Valleyfield

The project calls for a 'clean-up bee' to be held along a stretch of the Lost Channel of the Saint Charles River. The clean-up, scheduled for September 2005, will draw upon approximately fifteen local and regional organizations. A team of volunteer divers will be part of the clean-up by removing waste from the riverbed. To raise public awareness on the importance of treating the environment with respect, there will also be an advertising campaign focusing on the various actions undertaken to rehabilitate this waterway.

Awareness campaign on the impacts of driving ORVs (off-road vehicles) in environmentally-sensitive areas \$25 000

Sponsor: Comité Zone d'intervention prioritaire Côte-Nord du Golfe [*Côte-Nord du Golfe ZIP Committee*]

Region: Côte-Nord du Golfe [*North Shore of the Gulf*]

To prevent the deterioration of fragile habitats in the Côte-Nord du Golfe, the region's ZIP Committee wishes to conduct an awareness campaign promoting respect of the environment while driving off-road vehicles. The project will target the users of these vehicles and by highlighting the importance of protecting sensitive areas will invite them to take simple measures to reduce negative effects. A number of initiatives are planned, such as face-to-face meetings, and the distribution of information and awareness material.

Protection and enhancement plan for the shoreline at Colombier **\$21 100**

Sponsor: Comité Zone d'intervention prioritaire de la rive nord de l'estuaire [*Rive Nord de l'Estuaire ZIP Committee*]

Region: Colombier Municipality

Le comité ZIP de la rive nord de l'estuaire [*The Rive Nord de l'Estuaire ZIP Committee*] will conduct a conservation and enhancement study of the shoreline at Colombier. The project calls for an integrated approach, taking into account community, environmental and economic factors while emphasizing the preservation of environmentally-sensitive areas (marshes, estuaries). The initiative is the result of the consultations held last fall during which users and residents of the area had expressed their concerns about the protection of the Colombier shoreline.

Integrated Action Plan on the development and enhancement of the shoreline of the Manicouagan Peninsula **\$22 900**

Sponsor: Comité Zone d'intervention prioritaire de la rive nord de l'estuaire [*Rive Nord de l'Estuaire ZIP Committee*]

Region: Manicouagan, Baie-Comeau

The project's objective is to plan the harmonious development of the eco-tourism, economic, social and environmental potential of the inland side of the coastal areas of the Manicouagan Peninsula, in keeping with sustainable development principles. The approach will therefore encourage both the preservation of some ecologically-sensitive areas (peat bogs, shoreline habitat, areas with high populations of birds, the presence of endangered species, etc.) and the development of other areas with a high economic potential.

Education and awareness in order to protect the Pointe-aux-Outardes salt marsh **\$17 842**

Sponsor: Pointe-aux-Outardes Nature Park

Region: Pointe-aux-Outardes

This project calls for a public awareness campaign on the harmful effects of heavy all-terrain vehicle traffic in fragile areas of the Manicouagan region's salt marshes. The initiative aims to modify behaviour that damages wetland flora and fauna. Presentations will be made in several neighbouring municipalities in order to reach as many people who use the area as possible.

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