

REAL AGM

Wed. June 29, 2022

Year In Review



**RIDEAU
ENVIRONMENTAL
ACTION LEAGUE**

A Quick Look at Recent Activities

Greenspaces – Donna McKenna

In the Background – Karen Schechter

Home Energy Audits – Dave Thornley

Community – Peter Au

At the Store – Barb Hicks



Greenspaces

- Monarch Garden
- Community Garden



Depave





- Pitch In Smiths Falls
- Shoreline Cleanups – Fall and Spring



Compost Demo Site

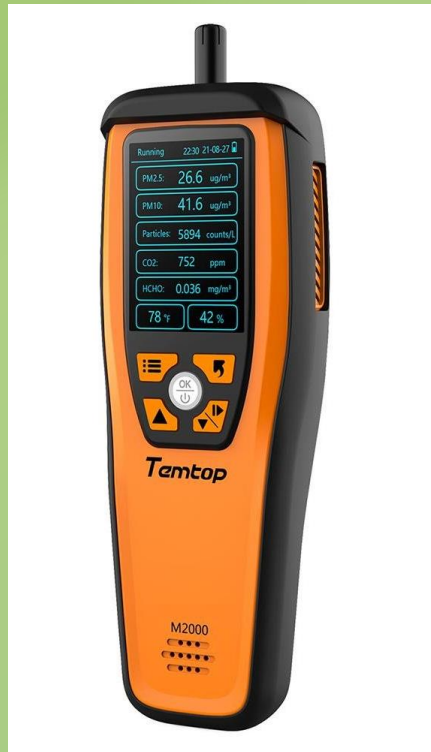
In the Background

- HRSDC – summer employment
- Membership – individual and corporate



- Main fundraiser
- \$2000 in sales
- \$2000 in sponsorships
- 124 bidders
- 98 items





Available to Borrow:

- For Radon Meter and Air Quality Meter contact Katie
- For Killawatt Meters: borrow at REAL Deal or local library
- FoodCycler Coming – countertop composter

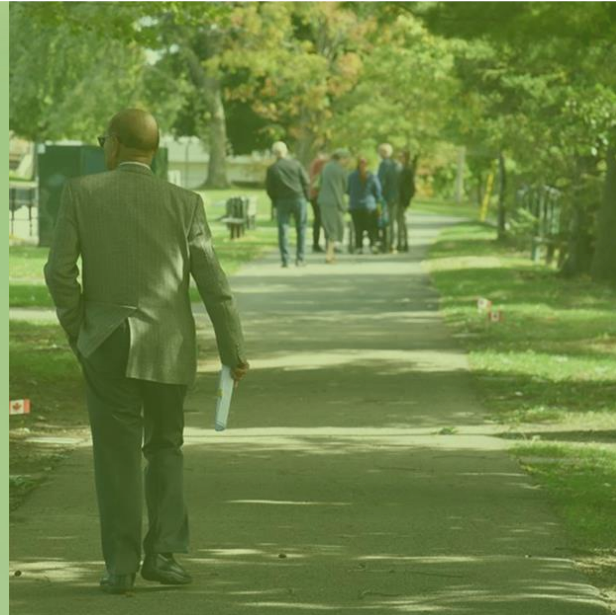
Home Energy Audits

- Greener Homes Program: up to \$5,000 in incentives, register online
- More flexible than past programs
- Alan Leonard on leave
- John Appleby started January 2022
- Doing two K7A homes a week



Community

- Evergreen Avenue
Sept 25 afternoon at Legion
- Journey to Sustainability
(J2S) Presentations –
recordings available



Support for Related Projects

- Rideau Roundtable and Biochar
- Rideau Roundtable's Shoreline Planting at Turtle Island
- Heritage House Exceptional Smiths Falls Women Exhibit – Elva Corless



Wetlands Awareness Tours

- August 6 and 20 on the Swale
- Free, donations appreciated
- Must pre-book

A flyer for Wetland Awareness Tours. The top right features a photograph of a wetland with tall reeds. The flyer has a green and white color scheme with circular graphic elements. Logos for 'La table ronde Rideau Roundtable' and 'RIDEAU ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION LEAGUE REAL' are at the top left. The title 'Wetland Awareness Tours' is in large green font. The 'About the tour' section describes a tour of the Swale wetland. The 'Tour info' section lists dates, times, and cost. The 'Tour activities' section lists various activities. The bottom right contains contact information for more info and booking.

Wetland Awareness Tours

About the tour

Take a tour around the Swale, a provincial significant class 1 wetland on the west side of Smiths Falls. Leave with a much deeper appreciation for all that wetlands provide, and feel good knowing that we contributed to meaningful research. Tours take place in Voyageur Canoes which can accommodate individuals and groups of any size up to max 28 participants.

Tour activities:

- Tour in our voyageur canoes
- Learn about the economic, health, and environmental benefits of wetlands
- Learn about some of the plants and wildlife you find in a wetland
- Participate in citizen science activities including:
 - Turtle Tally
 - Frog Watch

Tour info

Tour Length: up to 1.5 hours
Times: 10:30 am, 1 pm, 3 pm
Dates:
Saturday, August 6
Saturday, August 20
Cost: by donation

For more info & for booking, Contact:

 (613) 327-9018
 rideauexperience@rideauroundtable.ca

In the Community

■ Events

- Paddlefest
- SNG Fair
- FoTW Discovery Day
- Regional Science Fair
- Merrickville-Wolford EcoChampions



■ Organizations

- BBBS
- Not Just Tourists
- RMEO
- Heritage House
- Food Bank
- SF Hort Society



■ Other Connections

- Healey's Glass
- Wood racks Canadian Tire
- Jewellery for prom
- Easels for art show
- Trinity and mushroom compost
- Props for theatre groups



At the Store

- Manager, Dan Cunningham
- 5 part time staff, about 13 volunteers
- Donations and sales down slightly from last year
- Many out of town visitors



At the Store

Space is a challenge so promotions and free table are important parts

Good following on Facebook and Marketplace

Trying to emphasize our unique products like yard materials and vintage

Want to make it clear we are “More Than Just a Reuse Store”





Rain Barrel Sales



Composter Sales



Electronic Waste
Depot

REAL Tool Library



What's Next?

Online auction in fall likely

Address Customer Ask still a maybe

More J2S presentations

Tree planting Smiths Falls site

Several trees being added to Depave site

Possible fall shoreline cleanup

Structure created for Monarch Phase 3

New tent or other outdoor storage





We welcome
your ideas and
participation.

Making a **REAL** *difference*
Rideau Environmental Action League