

World Wetlands Day 2016



Acadian floodplain forest -- St. Marys River, NS

February 2, 2015— Today is #WorldWetlandsDay, a day dedicated to recognizing the importance of wetlands. Why are wetlands important? They do so much for us!

Wetlands and their associated species clean water and air, store carbon, and provide habitat for species that are ecologically and economically important. They are sources of inspiration for artists, locations for recreation, and are part of our cultural heritage.

The Nature Trust has been working for years to protect key wetlands sites across Nova Scotia. Through the Nature Trust's St. Marys River Legacy Campaign we are working to protect undisturbed wetlands along this glorious the river. The riverside wetlands provide important ecological functions that support river health, such as controlling erosion and stabilizing stream banks, which in turn contribute to the well-being of the species that depend on the river for their survival.

Since launching the St. Marys River Conservation Legacy Campaign in 2006, the Nature Trust has protected 7 properties on the river, encompassing 303 hectares (749 acres) for wildlife and people to enjoy!

For more information on World Wetland Day visit: <http://www.worldwetlandsday.org/about>

To learn more about our work on the St. Marys River visit: <http://nsnt.ca/ourwork/campaigns/stmarys>