

SHORELINE RESTORATION



The APLG, the municipality of Duhamel and Ferme HLF from Lac-Simon are working together to help you restore your shoreline.

Date: May 26, 2007

Objective: Give you an opportunity to participate in a planting initiative to restore the natural condition of the shoreline.

Project:

During the first year, five landscaping plans will be implemented. The organizing committee will help the people selected for the pilot project.

We're hoping to combine work and pleasure.

The teams will travel by pontoon and bring shovels, rakes, gloves, etc.

The organizing team will take care of the plants and refreshments.

We will try to get most of the work done in the morning and participants are invited to a picnic organized by the APLG.

Eligibility:

- Be a member of APLG
- Be prepared to start or continue the restoration of your shoreline (within 15 m. of the shore)
- Submit a plan and/or send a picture of your shoreline to the project manager so you can work together to determine the appropriate plants and shrubs to plant
- Define the sites (wet or dry), hours of sunlight and desired height
- Agree to work with the planting team on the five projects, since this is a group effort

Cost: Ferme HLF is offering its expertise, advice and the plants.

The municipality will cover 35% of the cost of the plants ordered. You will therefore need to cover the balance.

If you would like to participate in the initiative, fill in the registration form included with the Remous and send it to Nicole Tousignant, P.O. Box 122, Duhamel, J0V 1G0 **before March 17, 2007.**

N.B: Our intention is not to carry out major projects. We want to help you start or continue a shoreline restoration project.

We don't want to demolish anything, we are not passing judgement. Our intention is to carry out a low-maintenance, long-term project.

Organizing team:

Nicole Tousignant, President, APLG,
Project Manager,
Julie Ricard, Environment Coordinator,
municipality of Duhamel,
Christine Lavoie, Professor of Horticulture,
Ferme HLF.

[Registration Form.](#)

FISHING SEASON

Fishing season is just around the corner. In fact, trout fishing starts on Friday, April 27.

Last fall, the ACPTA stocked speckled trout in the following lakes: Gagnon, Lafontaine, Iroquois, Petit Preston, de la Ferme, Blanc, Hughes and Elmitt. Bourgeois and Saint-Ange lakes were stocked with rainbow trout.

Stocking activities are financed through member dues. Annual ACPTA membership cards, at a cost of \$15 per family, are available at Duhamel stores.

At the start of the season, you should fish on the surface, near sandy shorelines, using a streamer, a 2-oz lead weight (optional) and about 150 feet of line. Fish stay near the surface right after the ice disappears.

For more information and tips, contact Roger Ippersiel, an experienced fisherman who knows this area very well. He might even tell you how he caught that big brown trout. Roger's number is 819-427-5041.

[See table of catch limits \(in French only\)](#)

BILL OF HEALTH

Starting this Spring the APLG will keep a bill of health on the lake which will include readings of the pH, turbidity, water temperature, and the level of phosphorus in critical places. We will collaborate with the Municipal Environment Coordinator.

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MEMBERSHIP

This issue of Remous is being mailed to all Lac Gagnon property owners to encourage you to become a member of the APLG. If a membership application is included in your mailing, it's because we have not yet received your 2007 application. The annual membership fee is still \$15. If you have already paid, thank you. If you haven't, please do so as soon as possible.

Remember that, in the future, the Remous will only be sent to paid-up members by mail or email, as requested. Email notices are for APLG members only.

Thank you for your support!

PROTECTING OUR LAKE!

More and more people are dreaming of their golden retirement, in the country, preferably by a lake.

We find ourselves in an unprecedented situation as a result of pressures from developers. Development is increasing and few areas will remain untouched. It seems the road network is adjusting to this demand.

Just think of what is planned at Tremblant: 9,000 to 12,000 new units in the next year (Versant Sud, Versant Soleil, Camp Nord) or the project on Lac Ouareau, in St. Donat, with an 87-unit hotel, 28 garden residences and 36 villas on the shore of the lake.

We have to think about the future, because development will have an impact on our bodies of water and our way of life. How can we prevent projects from encroaching on sensitive zones? Is it possible to define a protection rating or index? What is the limit of our environmental fragility?

A new approach, involving management of the drainage basin, consists in following the movement of water where it starts, at the mountain top, and seems to be an excellent way to build awareness and protect the environment. This approach takes account of all activities that have an impact on water resources with the objective of reaching all parties and users that have an effect on the environment.

In our region, the main players are elected municipal officials, waterfront property owners, forestry operators, fishers, hunters, campground operators, sports clubs, associations, and local development centres.

The time has come to move away from our traditional management approach with its limited tools and adopt a partnership approach calling for greater involvement from all parties.

Nicole Tousignant

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

There are many ecological and environmentally friendly products on the market?

- La Parisienne ultra laundry detergent is phosphate free and biodegradable
- Palmolive, Sunlight, Sélection, President's Choice and Super C dish detergents are phosphate free and have biodegradable cleaning agents
- Several companies manufacture biodegradable toilet paper and paper towels
- Brown paper towels can be composted

A more complete list will be available on our Internet site in the spring.

TELEPHONE SERVICE

The communication tower of Télébec is operational since February 27. The company should begin testing signal strength shortly.

Télébec should be in a position to contact prospective clients during this month. The service should be available in April.

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2007?

You will find below a summary of the municipality's action plan resulting from the survey and consultations at city hall last summer.

Revitalizing the village: the entrance into the village will be improved, a pedestrian zone and parking area will be set up and a map or billboard with municipal activities and attractions will be erected.

Ecotourism: the municipality would like to create multipurpose trails. Work has begun on a hiking trail around Lac de la Ferme. A trail to Mont Caroline is planned. Iroquois Brook will be developed. A portion of the heritage trail could come through our region.

Corporation Récréotouristique et Économique de Duhamel (CRED) is involved in these activities.

Water safety regulations and motorsport guidance: Committees have been set up and are preparing a code of ethics for water craft users and regulations for motor vehicle operators.

Environment: This critical issue will be a priority. Numerous projects will be initiated as a result of hiring the Environment Coordinator, Julie Ricard.

Mark this event on your agenda: Environment Day, June 9. An interesting program is being developed. Duhamel is going green, be part of the greening.