



Caledonia Gorge

Protecting Old Acadian Forest and clean water in the Upper Bay of Fundy

*Just west of the Village of Riverside-Albert, along Crooked Creek, and less than 500 meters from the Caledonia Gorge provincial protected area lies a **pristine example of old Acadian forest and a vital source of drinking water for the Riverside-Albert community.** Nature Conservancy of Canada has an urgent opportunity to purchase this 326 acre property. This piece of land provides not only for the many species of plants and animals that inhabit it, but to more than 300 residents in the nearby village.*

Why is this area important?

Acadian forest is a unique and diverse mixture of northern hardwood and boreal forest found in the Maritimes and parts of New England and eastern Quebec. It is considered an endangered forest type, with less than 5% of the original old Acadian forest intact. As these forests have declined, so have the wildlife that depend on them for homes and food. Nearly 90% of this property is mature Acadian forest making it a high priority for conservation.

Drinking water for the Village of Riverside-Albert has flowed freely across this land for nearly 100 years. With the original water lease on the property expiring soon, the permanent protection of this area is integral to maintaining a clean, safe and reliable water supply for future generations. NCC is working closely with the Village to ensure a safe continued water supply.

Caledonia Gorge Area at a Glance

Main habitat types:

Acadian Forest
Freshwater Streams

Key bird species:

Eastern Wood-Pewee
Hermit Thrush
Bald Eagle
Great Horned Owl
Boreal Chickadee

Key tree species:

Red Spruce
Sugar Maple
Yellow Birch

NCC must raise \$250,000 to protect this 326 acre property forever.



Multiplying your Impact

The total project cost to protect this area is over \$250,000. We still need to raise significant funds for legal fees, appraisals, surveys, science, and our stewardship endowment fund, which will ensure this special place is protected, forever.

Your gift will be doubled! Thanks to our federal government partnership, NCC is able to match funds from private individuals, foundations or corporations. This is available through the Government of Canada's Natural Area Conservation Program to protect important wildlife habitat across the country.

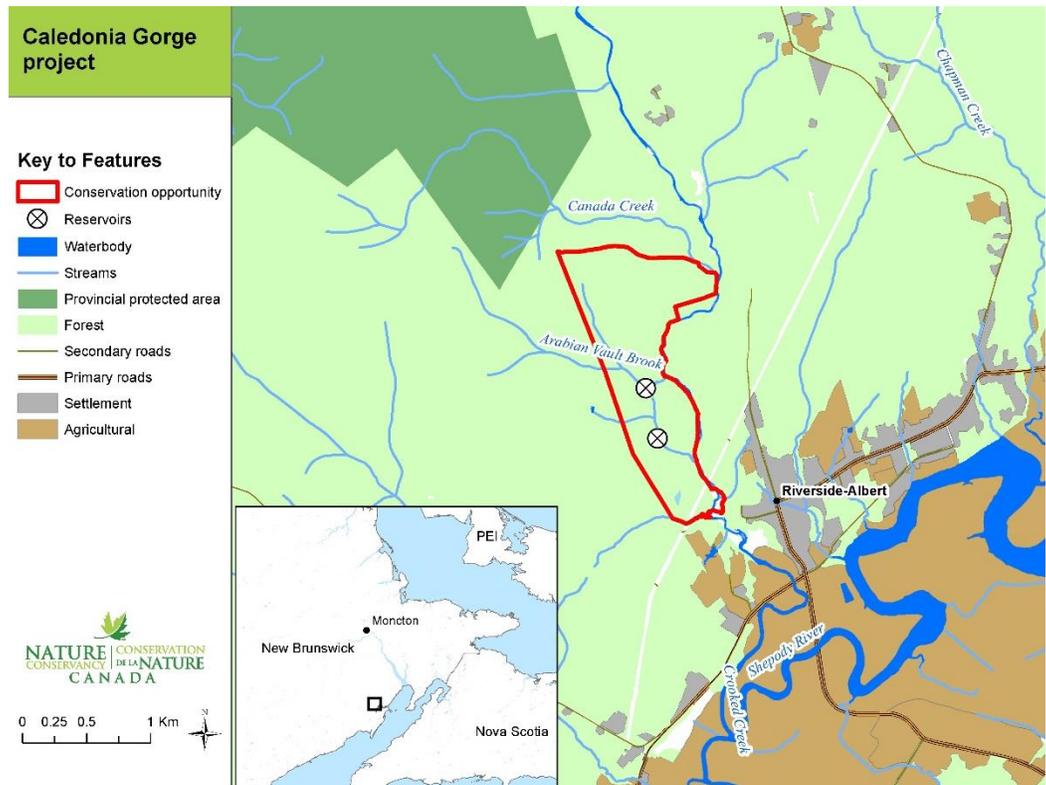
Conservation, A Smart Investment

Clean water is one of the most important resources for any thriving community.

Conserving natural areas protects community resources such as water. Acting as a natural filter, forests remove nitrates and phosphates from water before releasing it into nearby streams. Healthy forests also help reduce storm run-off, keeping unwanted contaminants from entering a water supply.

Efficient and effective use of your money and time. NCC has been conserving special places for more than

fifty years and received top marks from The Financial Post, Charity Intelligence, and MoneySense Magazine's "Charity 100 Rankings" for seven consecutive years.



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** NCC may direct all or a portion of gifts committed to this project to NCC's provincial Stewardship Endowment Fund. Revenue generated by the provincial Stewardship Endowment Fund provides for long-term management of properties across like the Caledonia Gorge Area. In the event that this project becomes fully funded, your gift will be allocated to the next urgent priority in the Upper Bay of Fundy Natural Area.

If a U.S. Tax deduction could be more advantageous, NCC works in partnership with a registered U.S. Charity, American *Friends of the Nature Conservancy of Canada (AFNCC)*, and we would be pleased to explore options for you. Charitable Registration Number: 11924 6544 RR0001