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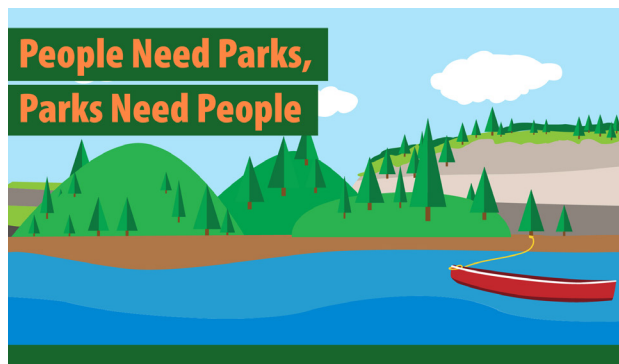
Trail building in Ma'amtagila territory

In the summer and fall of last year a small group of Wilderness Committee staff, volunteers and Ma'amtagila friends cleared trails and roads at Hiladi, a traditional village site of the Ma'amtagila Nation on Northeastern Vancouver Island. This is part of a cultural resurgence and repatriation project of the Ma'amtagila on their territory.

It was an amazing experience for everyone to work on this beautiful territory and hear about the history and stories from this land.

Thanks to your continued support, we hope to do more of these important trips in a safe way in the coming year.

These trips help strengthen our relationships and provide support to our Ma'amtagila allies who are fighting to get their land back and stop industrial logging and fish farms in their territory. We stand with them in this fight.



Mobilization for Manitoba parks

Manitoba parks saw unprecedented use this summer as the pandemic drove us outdoors to find fulfillment in nature. In October, documents revealing government plans to privatize park services and sell off park land were publicized and **more than 670 of you wrote letters to demand Manitoba's parks be funded by your government** just as schools and hospitals are.

Your letters insisted nature is a need, not a luxury. **We read them all.** And while we can't guarantee our elected leaders did the same, you made it clear: **Politicians will harm parks at their political peril.**

A short month later our first People's Parks Organizing meeting registration filled up in less than a day. Eager volunteers are ready to take on the incredible task of advocating for decolonization, biodiversity, climate and people powered services in provincial parks.

We can't wait to see what we'll do together to grow Manitoba provincial parks in 2021.



Ontarians take action for Green Recovery

In these difficult times it's more important than ever to celebrate our efforts towards a green recovery. Your support has made two actions to protect wildlife and woodlands in Ontario a success!

Over 100 of you used our letter-writing tool to oppose the Ford government's proposed changes to the growth plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. **Your efforts stopped the removal of restrictions to gravel pit and quarry development in endangered species habitat** and the homes of our most vulnerable species are still protected from destructive quarries.

Next you joined the Friends of Simcoe Forest's efforts to protect a portion of this significant woodland from a proposed waste facility development. **Your voices were heard when 114 of you wrote to the minister of municipal affairs. The minister has refused to grant a Minister's Zoning Order**, which would have bypassed due process and squashed Friends of Simcoe Forest's appeal.

These wins for wildlife, woodlands and people power are possible thanks to you.



Argonaut Creek protected for caribou

Last summer we became aware of BC Timber Sales' (the BC government's logging agency) plan to destroy old-growth critical habitat of the endangered North Columbia caribou herd.

Along with allies at Echo Conservation, we set out to investigate in Argonaut Creek, just north of Revelstoke. When we got there our suspicions were confirmed. **They were actively punching in a logging road to access the Argonaut Creek Valley.**

As soon as we returned, we went to work creating a video and writing a press release to highlight this travesty. The story got attention all the way from GlobalTV to The Narwhal, and the public outcry came like a tidal wave. It paid off.

In November a halt to all logging activity was announced in Argonaut Creek until caribou herd planning is completed. It's not over yet, but **thanks to you we can take a deep breath knowing the North Columbia caribou herd has a safer habitat for now.** With your support our next step is to make it permanent.



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