

Bluff Trail Stewardship Program (BTSP) Highlights: Nov. 2017

WRWEO respectfully acknowledges that we are located in Mi'kma'ki, the unceded and unsurrendered ancestral land of the Mi'kmaq (L'nu). We are all treaty people.

SJA Coop Student:

During November 2017, Thomas MacLeod, a grade-twelve, co-op student from SJA continued his co-op placement with WRWEO and SMBSA. His work with BTSP involved both 'on-trail' stewardship and 'off-trail' program support. Supervision of the on-trail work was shared by Mike Lancaster (BTSP Stewardship Coordinator), Fiona Brooks ((BTSP Stewardship Coordinator), and Jayden Gross (BTSP Volunteer Steward and WRWEO Director).



The off-trail administrative and BTSP support work was supervised by Kimberly Berry (BTSP Liaison to WRWEO and WRWEO volunteer). The on-trail stewardship work included: collecting trail width measurements at 100m intervals along the corridor and west side of Pot Lake Loop; an inspection of the old ATV trail on west side of Cranberry Lake which included the removal of many beer cans, food containers, and other plastic beverage containers as well as the remediation of 8 fire pits; the construction and refurbishment of dozens of trail and spur barriers; the placement of at least 2 feet of rock hardening; and, some trail trimming maintenance on the Bluff Loop.

BTSP Stewardship Day:

On 26 November 2017, BTSP held its 9th Stewardship Day. During the day, 4 new volunteers received the BTSP Steward Training, bringing the total number of BTSP Stewards to 38.

End of BTSP Hours for Fiona Brooks:

Because of the limited budget of the BTSP, Fiona Brooks (BTSP Stewardship Coordinator) concluded her on-trail work for the BTSP at the end of November. WRWEO and SMBSA thank Fiona Brooks for her excellent work and valuable contribution to the Bluff Trail Stewardship Program and hope to secure sufficient funding to have Ms. Brooks return to her position in 2018.

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BTSP Reports = 17

1 Event Report
2 Trail Counts
14 Trail Reports

**Total reports to date:
165**

Hours on Trail = 140

50.5 (36%) paid
89.5 (64%) unpaid

**Total hrs to date: 1620.7
572.65 (35%) paid
1048.05 (65%) unpaid**

Presence on Trail = 13 13/30 Days (43%)

13 days on Pot Lake Loop
8 days on Mi'kmaw Hill Loop
2 days on Bluff Loop &
2 days on Hay Marsh Loop

Total days to date: 118/334 (35%)

BTSP Stewards Trained = 4

4 BTSP Volunteers

Total stewards to date: 38

Check-Ins at LNT Sites

4 at Coyote/U'lukwej & Crow/Ka'qaquj;
0 at Squirrel/Atutu'wej & Moose/Tia'm

**Total to date: 33 at Coyote/U'lukwej & Crow/Ka'qaquj
13 at Squirrel/Atutu'wej and 10 at Moose/Tia'm**

People Count = 264

264 People Observed; 54 People Engaged (20%)

Total people to date: 3026 observed; 1178 engaged (39%)

Dog Count = 48

32 (66%) off leash
16 (33%) on leash

Total dogs to date: 558

In-Kind Contributions = \$2,869.28

On-Trail Labour: 89.5hrs @ \$20.10/hr* = \$1,798.95
Off-Trail Labour: 53.25hrs @ \$20.10/hr = \$1,070.33
Materials & Equipment = \$0.00

**Total in-kind contribution to date: \$34,895.04
(On-Trail Labour \$21,065.81 + Off-trail Labour \$12,656.98 + M&E \$1,170.25)**

Remediation & Repair

- 33 trail barriers constructed/refurbished
- 1 old (LNT Principles) sign removed
- 3 spur barriers constructed/refurbished
- 1 deadfall removed
- 8 fire pits remediated (on old ATV trail)
- 2 feet of rock hardening

* WRWEO calculates the value of volunteer labour according to the 2015 study, *Working for a Living, Not Living for Work*, released by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives – Nova Scotia in partnership with United Way – Halifax. The report used the Canadian Living Wage Framework to calculate the living wage for Halifax at \$20.10/hr.