



News Release

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Trust Donates \$20K to Save Blue Mountain Wilderness Connector Helping NS Nature Trust Protect 560 Acres Forever

Upper Tantallon, N.S. – The [Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust](#) (FBWHT) announced today it has donated \$20,000 to the [Nova Scotia Nature Trust](#) campaign, [Save the Wild Blue](#). As part of the Nature Trust’s overarching campaign to double all of their acres under protection by 2023, this donation will leverage an additional \$80,000 from the Federal Government and other funders, to create a total of \$100,000 in new funds for nature. It moves the Nature Trust closer to the \$2.8-million needed to purchase the 227 hectare (560 acre) connector property that joins together several parts of the local gem known as the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes wilderness. Acquiring land, and helping other organizations acquire it for protection from development, is a new strategy of the FBWHT, introduced last year.

Harry Ward, Board Chair, is excited the Trust can give this kind of support, “We are so pleased to help save these wilderness lands that are in the headwaters north of our focus area, the Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area. We know how important keeping natural habitats are for wildlife and biodiversity, especially those close to urban areas. Hopefully others will join in to meet the campaign goal and ensure these special places to hike, canoe and explore are still here for the Halifax community for years to come.”

The \$20,000 donation comes directly from the Trust’s partnership with [Bay Treasure Chest](#), a 50/50 lottery supporting eight non-profit community groups in the Hammonds Plains, Tantallon, Timberlea, Hubbards, Peggy’s Cove and St. Margaret’s Bay area.

As Harry explains, “We couldn’t make these donations without our partnership with Bay Treasure Chest. Thank you to everyone who plays their toonie every week! This is a great example of what that toonie can do in our community...your toonies become twenty grand and then a hundred.”

Last year, the FBWHT helped to preserve two properties which combined saved about 150 acres of wilderness land. These properties were adjacent to the Trust’s focus area the [Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area](#) (FBLWA).

The Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust is a Canadian non-profit volunteer organization working to preserve, protect and promote use of the Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area, a vast area of 8,600 hectares of wilderness on the Chebucto Peninsula. A wilderness escape from the surrounding suburbs and bustle of nearby Halifax, the Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area is a popular destination for hikers, fishers, canoers, kayakers, ATVers and nature lovers alike. Trust activities are funded through annual Memberships, donations and a partnership with the Bay Treasure Chest.

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