

Let's Save Sandy Lake-Sackville River Regional Park!

Celebrate Earth Day 2022 with a guided nature walk with Clarence Stevens at Sandy Lake-Sackville River Regional Park, off Smith's Road, Bedford, on Saturday April 23rd at 2pm.

Come see first hand why this area is so important to save from a looming housing development! Last time we went for a walk with Clarence we got to hold baby snapping turtles, and a Barred Owl flew right over our heads on huge silent wings! Beautiful!

Register by messaging Clarence directly on his FaceBook page, or go to the big parking lot at the end of Smith's Road, just off exit 3 of Highway 102, 2 pm, this Saturday April 23rd.

Be prepared for 1 ½ to 2 hours exploring spring at Sandy Lake-Sackville River Regional Park.



It is remarkable that we still have large, wild places like Sandy Lake - Sackville River so close to Halifax's urban centre. However, **suddenly, on March 25 2022, without being asked to do this, the Province took over the city's processes for potential housing locations and picked the Sandy Lake – Sackville River area as one of its locations to fast-track for development!**

News March 25 2022: <https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20220325005>

Special Planning Order Sandy Lake: <https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/2022-062.pdf>

The rich and diverse Regional Park has been planned since 1971, when it was chosen by a provincial/municipal/federal program as an exceptional ecological unit for both wilderness protection and recreation, and worthy of preserving for all time.

How could such a mistake be made? HRM needs more houses. But to put houses in an area needed to protect this precious Regional Park!? Like the secret Owl's Head Provincial Park decision, this is wrong!

We ask you to please stand up for Sandy Lake and Sackville River! Please do all you can to generate a clear message to the Province. **Send a message to the provincial authorities who made this decision, and ask that the Sandy Lake "special planning area" be removed from their housing development list and protect it all as park!**

Here is a form letter you can send, directed to key decision-makers: <https://ecologyaction.ca/save-sandylake>

Tip: decision makers always pay more attention to personalized emails.

Learn more from our websites and **JOIN Friends of Sandy Lake-Sackville River** to receive more news at:

SLCA Website: www.sandylake.org

SL-SR Regional Park Coalition website: www.sandylakecoalition.ca

Dr. Patriquin's studies of Sandy Lake and area website: www.sandylakebedford.ca