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Corporate Support From Nalcor Energy and Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Makes Green Team Projects A Reality for Three Rural Communities!

Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador Gratefully Acknowledges Continued Support

St. John's, NL - With 23 community-based Green Team projects throughout the province, Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador gratefully acknowledges the continued corporate support from Nalcor Energy and Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (Hydro) for their support of three Teams this season!

Since 1996, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro has supported 23 Green Teams through Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador's Green Team Program, employing 91 youth and contributing nearly \$309,000 to support local employment opportunities for youth throughout the province! Though the three current projects in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Flower's Cove, and Millertown all have a different focus, they all share a common goal, as do all Green Teams, which is to provide meaningful youth employment opportunities with an environmental and cultural focus.

"Hydro and Nalcor Energy supports community initiatives that promote environmental awareness and preservation of Newfoundland and Labrador's unique environment," said Frank Ricketts, Manager of Environmental Services, Nalcor Energy. "We are proud to continue our 15-year partnership with the Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador by supporting Green Teams in Newfoundland and Labrador. This is an excellent environmental initiative that provides youth employment and development opportunities throughout the province."

Happy Valley-Goose Bay's Green Team, sponsored by Nalcor Energy and working in partnership with the Town of Happy Valley - Goose Bay, will be focusing on trail development this summer. The Team will build upon the work completed by the 2010 Green Team and continue work on the Mud Lake Walking Trail. The Team will clear debris along the existing road and also plant trees. They will spread crushed stone and carry out all aspects of developing the remaining five kilometers of trail along the Churchill River.

In Flower's Cove, the Team is sponsored by Hydro and will engage in restoration activity at Sandy Cove Provincial Ecological Reserve throughout the summer; engage in removal of the invasive Coltsfoot weed from Threatened Fernald's Braya critical habitat in Anchor Point area; assist in delivery of ATV education as it relates to the Limestone Barrens and its Species at Risk plants; and assist with other stewardship activities in an effort to address ongoing stewardship of the Limestone Barrens.

The Millertown Green Team, sponsored by Nalcor Energy, will perform trail enhancement on the Mary March Wilderness Trail and work on two cultural restoration projects. The Team will place rock to reduce erosion and finish the trail with gravel and sand; design signage to place on the trail; and construct two pit toilets. The Team will also focus on cultural restoration projects by making repairs to replicas of a Beothuk Mamateek and Smoke House.

Conservation Corps receives funding from the Department of Human Resources, Labour and Employment, community partners and corporate support. Conservation Corps would like to recognize all of our partners for their support and thank them for all of their hard work and dedication in the development of this year's projects, particularly Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and Nalcor Energy, who continue to support the environmental efforts of the Conservation Corps.

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Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador is dedicated to providing youth with training and employment in environmental and cultural heritage conservation.