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### Wetlands, trail opens in Brookfield 🚗

The Truro Daily News

BROOKFIELD – The Brookfield Wetlands and Nature Trail was officially named and opened July 18. The project is a partnership between Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) and Lafarge Canada Inc. who have been working together since 2003 to conserve wetlands and related habitats on Lafarge-owned lands and on private land in the Brookfield area.

This wetland restoration project was initiated two years ago and has resulted in more than 18 acres of wetland restored and the protection of 20 additional acres of natural area, which is owned by Lafarge. For 42 years the Lafarge Brookfield Cement Plant and its 80 employees have been active in Pleasant Valley, continually working toward cleaner and greener operations.

“The longstanding relationship between Lafarge and DUC has been, and will continue to be, a very productive one that provides long-lasting benefits to the local community and the environment,” said Josh DeCoste, environmental engineer at Lafarge’s Brookfield facility.

“This project exemplifies Lafarge’s commitment to protecting the environment and conserving nature, and the most satisfying result has been the great response from the community.

“It’s exciting to see how many community members are taking advantage of this chance to get close to nature right in their backyard.”

“This will be a great project for waterfowl and the people of Brookfield,” said Deanne Meadus, DUC’s manager of conservation programs. “Projects like this, that provide many community and environmental benefits, are particularly exciting. In addition, mutually beneficial partnerships with environmentally conscious corporations such as Lafarge enhance our ability to reach our wetland conservation goals.”

Thanks to the close link between Lafarge and the local community, the need for a walking trail in the community was identified during the early stages of this project. As a result, the berms built to restore the wetlands have been built to create 1.8 km of groomed trails for walking and biking.

Although it was completed this spring, the wetland is already providing excellent birdwatching opportunities. There are benches along the trail that were made by the Grade 10 Options and

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The project was named through a community contest which received more than 250 submissions from community members of all ages. The winning name, the Brookfield Wetlands and Nature Trail, was revealed for the first time in an unveiling ceremony at the grand opening. The winner of the contest, Sam Devlin, a Grade 7 student at South Colchester Academy, was presented with a gift voucher for a new bicycle.

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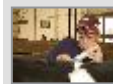
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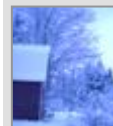
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