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Wetlands trail gets official name

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A partnership between Ducks Unlimited Canada and Lafarge Canada Ltd. has resulted in the official opening and naming of the Brookfield Wetlands and Nature Trail.

The two groups have worked together since 2003 to conserve wetlands and related habitats on Lafarge-owned lands and on private land in Colchester County.

The latest wetland restoration project began two years ago. More than 18 acres of wetland has been restored and 20 more acres of natural areas owned by Lafarge has been protected.

"The longstanding relationship between Lafarge and Ducks Unlimited Canada has been and will continue to be a very productive one that provides long-lasting benefits to the local community and the environment," Josh DeCoste, an environmental engineer at Lafarge's cement plant near Brookfield, said in a release.

"This will be a great project for waterfowl and the people of Brookfield," said Deanne Meadus, manager of conservation programs for Ducks Unlimited.

Because of 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 the project. As a result, the berms built to restore the wetlands include 1.8 kilometres of groomed trails for walking and biking. Benches along the trail were made by the Grade 10 options and opportunities class at South Colchester Academy, using materials donated by several local businesses.

The project was named through a community contest, which received over 250 submissions. The winning name, the Brookfield Wetlands and Nature Trail, was submitted by Sam Devlin, a Grade 7 student at South Colchester Academy.

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