

# NOTICE

## Property Owners and Tenants

### **Endangered Species Act, Significant Woodlands, Wetlands and Valleylands Protection & Fish Habitat Protection**

#### **Endangered Species**

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, nine (9) different species have been identified, in the Township of Montague, as being 'endangered', 'threatened' or of 'special concern' under the Endangered Species Act, 2007.

They are the Butternut Tree, Spotted Turtle, Loggerhead Shrike, Eastern Prairie Fringed-orchid, Blanding's Turtle, Least Bittern, Eastern Ratsnake, Stinkpot Turtle and Black Tern.

Before you carry out any remedial and/or construction work on your property, it is your responsibility to ensure that you are not contravening the Endangered Species Act, 2007 which includes protection of the above-noted species and their habitat.

For information about the Endangered Species Act rules and regulations, permits and penalties etc., please contact the Ministry of Natural Resources, Kemptville Office, Tanya Pulfer, Natural Heritage/SAR Biologist at 613-258-8597 or by email: [tanya.pulfer@ontario.ca](mailto:tanya.pulfer@ontario.ca).

#### **Significant Woodlands**

The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) 2005 provides that no development or site alterations shall be permitted in areas designated as 'significant woodlands' or on lands adjacent to the lands designated as 'significant woodlands' unless an evaluation has been undertaken and it has been demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or on the ecological functions.

For information on 'significant woodlands', please contact the Township of Montague Building/Planning Department at 613-283-7478.

#### **Wetlands**

Development of lands in or near areas designated as Wetlands, Floodplains, Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest and Sensitive Areas in the Township of Montague Official Plan or lands under Ontario Regulation 174/06 of the Conservation Authority Act are subject to various restrictions.

Please contact the Township of Montague Building/Planning Department at 613-283-7478 for Official Plan designation information and Mr. Matt Craig, Rideau

Valley Conservation Authority at 613-264-5419 for information under the Conservation Authority Act Regulations.

### **Valleylands**

Prior to permitting development or site plan alterations within a significant valleyland area or adjacent lands, an environmental impact assessment will be required to demonstrate that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or their ecological functions.

For information on 'significant valleylands', please contact the Township of Montague Building/Planning Department at 613-283-7478.

### **Fish Habitat**

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is the agent for the Federal Government Department which has jurisdiction over fish habitat in the Province of Ontario.

If you are doing any work on your property that is close to or in a watercourse, before starting, please contact the R.V.C.A. at 613-692-3571.

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