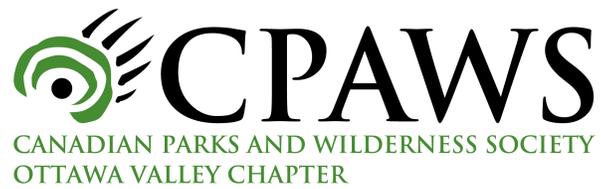


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Stakeholders gather at the first ever NCR Greenbelt Forum at the Museum of Nature

A short month packs a big punch!

Dear SNAP,

Thanks for opening our newsletter and joining us in celebrating what we have been up to. We promise to lift some of the February blues with stories of hope from our Greenbelt Forum, the highlight of the month, as well as other upcoming opportunities for the spring! Read on to find out more...



2026 Greenbelt Forum

On Saturday the 21st of February, we held our first ever NCR Greenbelt Forum to a full and captive room.

Watching individuals and organisations gather for the

love of the Greenbelt filled us with excitement as each speaker took to the podium to share insight into it's history, ecology, possible management and restoration as well as sustainable farming. With plenty of time for questions and activities to get us thinking collaboratively on a vision for the Greenbelts future, many great ideas and a common sense of purpose quickly emerged. The main themes were around insuring protection, accessibility, connectivity, opportunities for education as well as supporting local sustainable farming. We are looking forward to riding the momentum created by this event and continuing with our campaign to make the Greenbelt a protected and celebrated part of our city's cultural identity, making Ottawa more resilient to both climate and economical uncertainty.

[Learn more about our campaign](#)



Greenbelt e-petition coming!

Please keep an eye out for the launch of our upcoming e-petition to have the Greenbelt protected for good!

Snowshoeing in Mayo

Unfortunately, due to the rain forecasted on Saturday, we decided to postpone our first hike of the season at John's family farm in Mayo. The good news is there is still time to join in!



We will let you know as soon as we decide on a new date and of course there will be plenty more opportunities to join the team on a hike throughout the year!

[Learn more](#)

Summer intern positions now live!



We are now accepting applications for our summer intern positions funded in part by the Canada Summer Jobs program. This year we are looking for Road Ecology Coordinators to help us continue our data collection on Highway 17. If you are between the ages of 15-30 with a passion for looking after our local wildlife, we'd love to hear from you!

[For more information and to apply](#)

The deadline is fast approaching to sign up for our Youth Program!

Our 3rd cohort for the Nature for everyone, everywhere! program will be getting started on the 1st of April. Hoping to join in the fun? Make sure you sign up before the end of March to secure your place.

[Sign up today!](#)

There is always lots happening and plenty of ways to get involved so please follow us on our social media channels to hear more. As always, we couldn't do it without your help so thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



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