



News Release

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\$1 Million Dollars in the Community

The Fundy Region Solid Waste Commission has invested one million dollars in local community projects. Projects from Saint John's South Bay area through Grand Bay-Westfield have benefitted from these investments. The Blueberry Hill Nature Preserve Trail located on Saint John's northern boundary will receive the one millionth dollar invested in the host community by the Fundy Region Solid Waste Commission through our partner Crane Mountain Enhancement Inc.

In 1997 when Crane Mountain Landfill was opened the Commission agreed to donate \$75,000 dollars each year towards the host community. At the time, the landfill was expected to last until 2025 and the total projected fund was \$2 million. Today, the life of the landfill is now extended to 2048, an extension due to the efforts of many by diverting waste through the compost and recycling programs. Now, the community can expect to receive a total of \$5 million.

"We've reached the first milestone of one million dollars invested in community projects. Today, we know that by composting and recycling we can extend, not only the life of the landfill, but also the benefit to the community. A win for the environment and the community." said Chris Titus, chair of the Fundy Region Solid Waste Commission.

Schools, scout groups, playgrounds, sports fields, the arena and local community centres have all benefitted from this fund. Another example of how the fund has helped the community is the Blueberry Hill Nature Preserve. The 50 acre land preserve was donated to NB Nature Trust has received more than \$40,000. The land preserve is an area all residents can enjoy and has a beautiful view of the Saint John River.

The Fundy Region Solid Waste Commission is responsible for solid waste disposal and diversion in the Greater Saint John area, including Crane Mountain Landfill and the recycling and compost programs. The Commission is a non-profit organization governed by representatives of the municipalities and local service districts, and it is funded solely through the various tipping fees at the landfill.

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