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Project Update

January 22nd, 2026





Education and Outreach



MAKE SWEET Discoveries

at the Oschmann Forest

\$5

A guided maple syrup education adventure of hands-on and co-operative experiences, the program focuses on how maple syrup is produced today and in the 18th and 19th centuries.
Open to students of all ages.



- SNC will deliver educational tours to students on the history of maple syrup production.
- Tours will take place at Oschmann Conservation Area, registration will open in early February for tours starting in March.



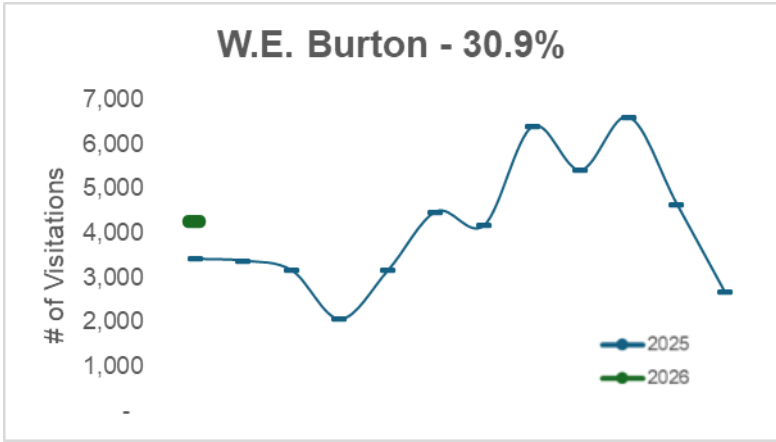
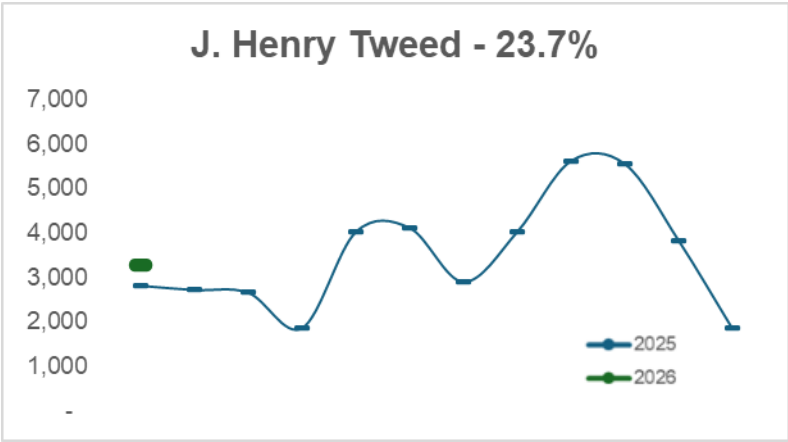
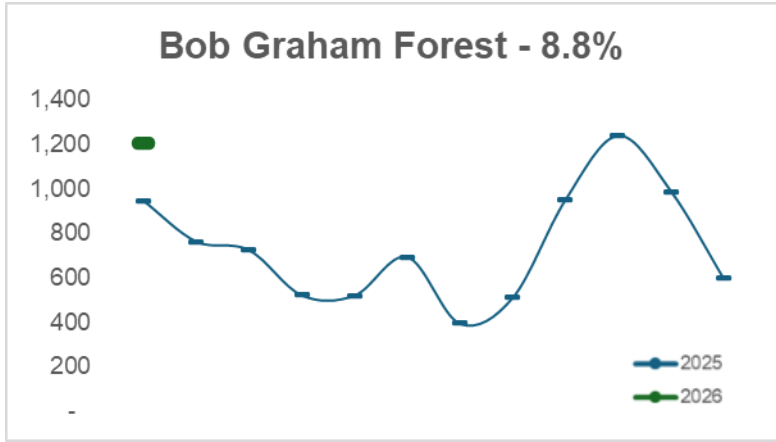
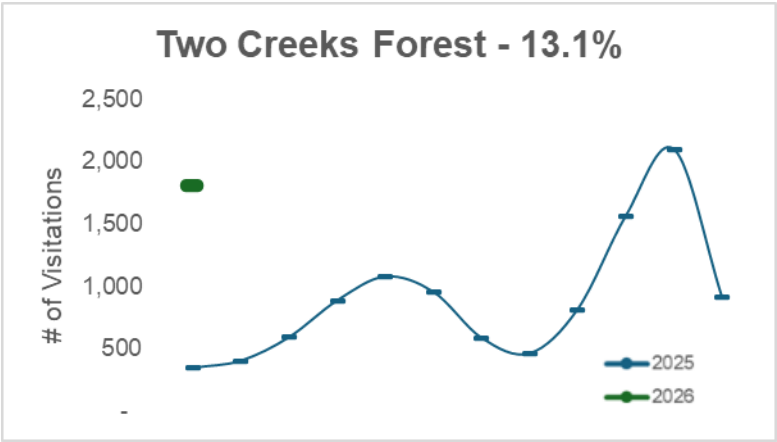
St. Lawrence River Student Summit



- Establishing agreement with MECP Great Lakes Office to restart the St. Lawrence River Summit.
- 100% cost recovered, planned for Fall 2026.
- Board Report for Transfer Payment Agreement in February 2026.

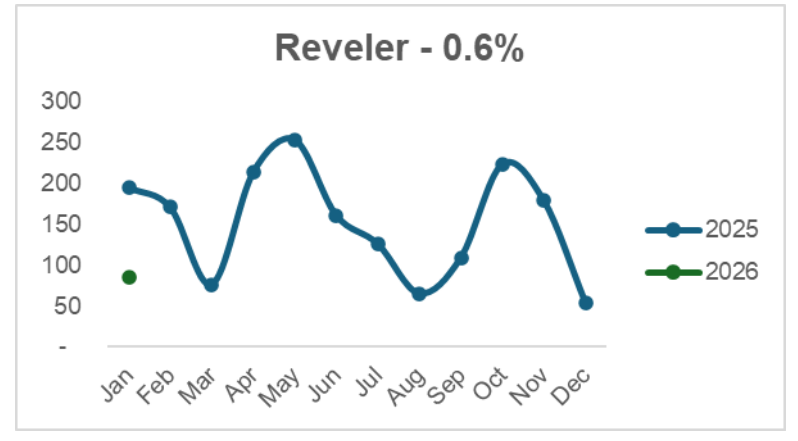
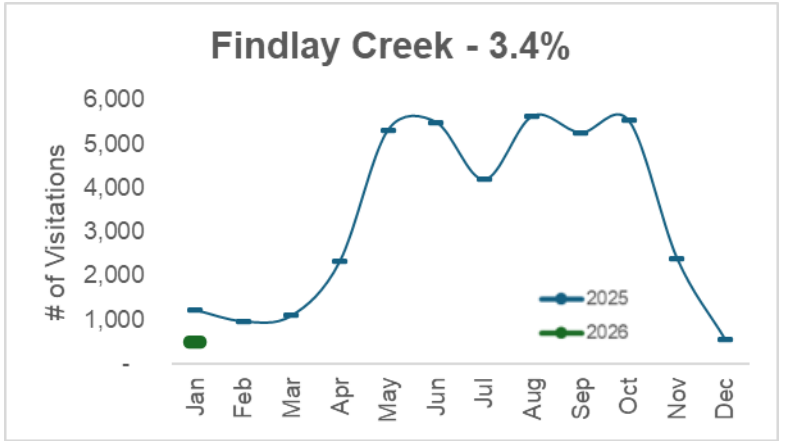
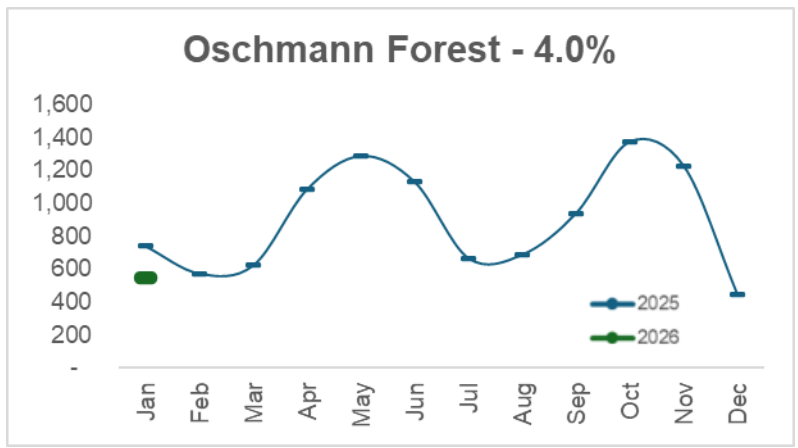
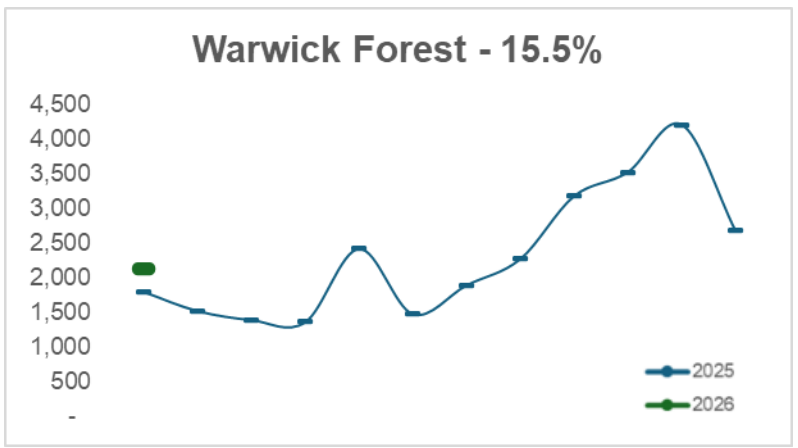


Conservation Area Monitoring Stats



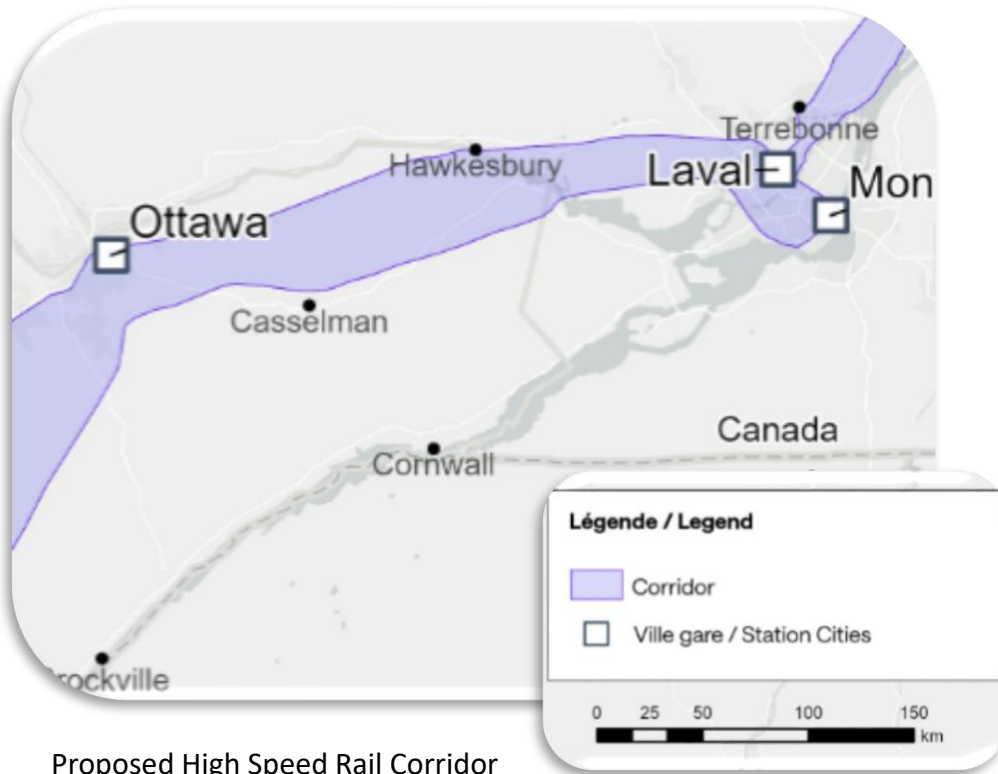


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High-Speed Rail Corridor Public Consultations



Proposed High Speed Rail Corridor
<https://en.consultation.altotrain.ca/>

- Roundtable Session on the Environment scheduled in Ottawa on Tuesday, January 27.
- Public consultation session scheduled in Vankleek Hill on Wednesday, January 28.



On-Farm Stewardship Project Funding

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- Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program – Marginal Lands Initiative
- Renewed until March 2028
- \$1 million per year for 2026/2027 and 2027/2028



Wetland Restoration Funding



Findlay Creek Boardwalk, Leitrim Wetland, City of Ottawa



Two Creeks Forest Conservation Area, South Dundas

- \$200,000 from the Wetlands Conservation Partner Program
- Leitrim Wetland
 - Buckthorn removal
 - Drain blocking
- Two Creeks Forest
 - Ash tree removal
 - Pond creation



CA Act Permit Compliance Inspections 2025



Culvert replacement and erosion control works on County Road 44,
Edwardsburgh Cardinal

Upper-Tier	No. Inspections
Leeds Grenville	19
Ottawa	30
Prescott Russell	36
Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry	15
Total	100



Water Control Structures – Chrysler Dam



Chrysler Dam, Summer 2025 – During Low Water Advisory

- The engineering assessment report of the Chrysler Dam has indicated several deficiencies.
- The report recommends a course of action for each deficiency and some cost estimates.
 - Most are minor and do not require any action, only continued monitoring.



Monitoring



Manual water level measurement, South Dundas



Larose Forest Snow Survey Station, Nation

- Monthly PGMN site visits
 - Manual water level measurements and data downloads
 - Supporting Low Water Response
- Snow depths and snow water equivalent have doubled since December 15
 - Sampled after January 15 storm
 - Average depth of ~25cm



Update on Low Water Advisory

December 8, 2025

Information session: Low water and dry wells

**Séance d'information :
Puits à bas niveau
d'eau et à sec**

Le 8 décembre 2025

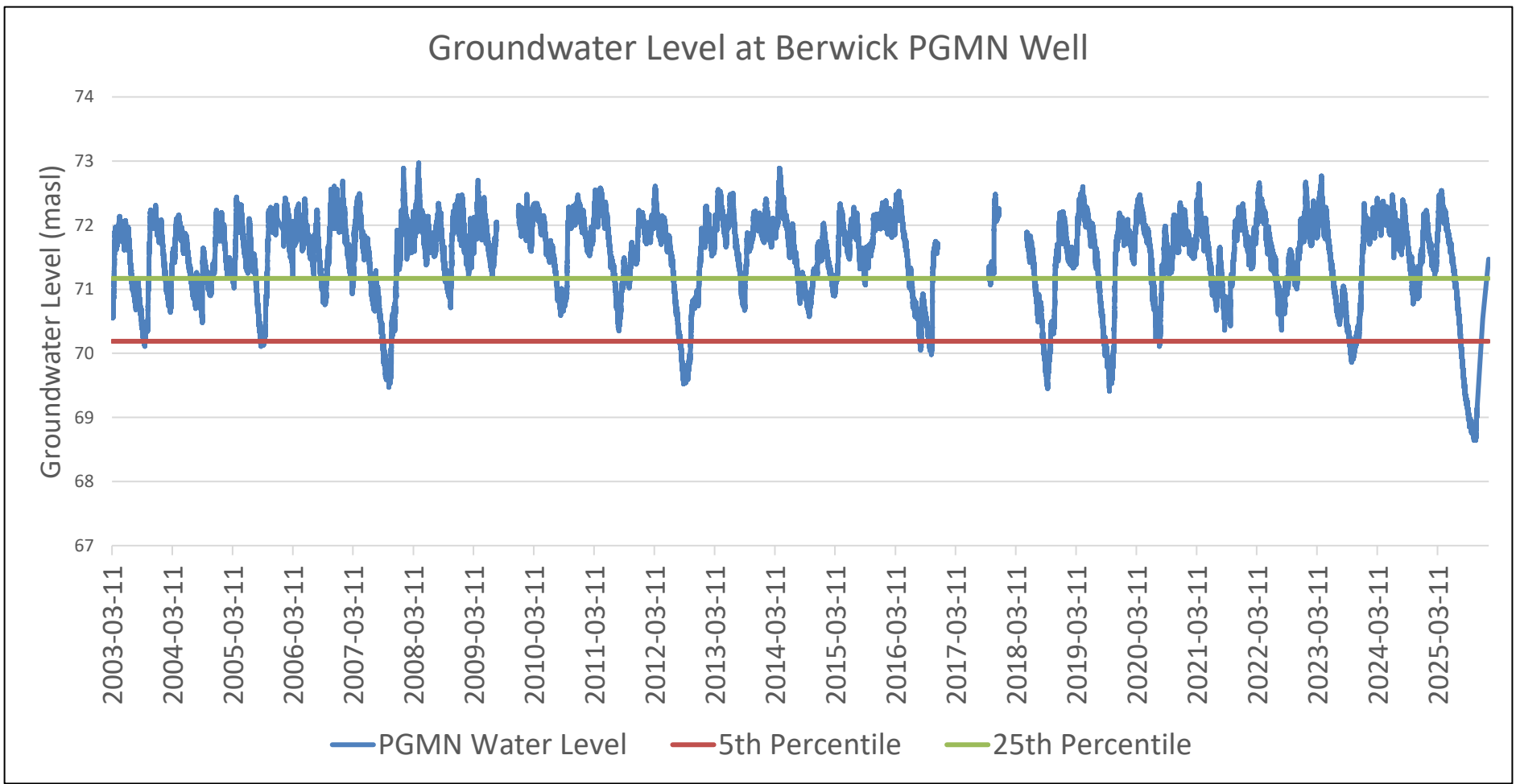


Municipal updates on SNC
Low Water Advisory:

- City of Ottawa Information Session – December 8th, 2025
- South Stormont Municipal Council – December 17th, 2025



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Monitoring Well	Percentile
Maynard	40 th to 50 th
Metcalfe	40 th to 50 th
Berwick	30 th to 40 th
Sarsfield	25 th to 30 th
Maxville	25 th to 30 th

- ✓ Precipitation: Normal
- ✓ Stream Flows: Normal
- ✓ Groundwater Levels: Normal

Recommendation to the SNC Water Response Team to lift the Low Water Advisory



ROMA Conference 2026



Conservation Ontario Booth, ROMA Conference, Toronto

- Strong representation from conservation authorities and municipal partners
- Conservation Ontario in attendance



ROMA Conference 2026



United Counties of SDG Delegation to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, ROMA Conference, Toronto

- United Counties of SDG delegation to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks
- Chair Densham attended in his capacity as a County Councillor

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