



A partnership for lasting conservation

Dear American Friends of Canadian Conservation,

As I sat down to write this letter, one main thought came to mind: conservation is not something we do alone. **It's a collective effort, made possible by the collaboration, expertise, and shared dedication of partners like you.**

At a time when biodiversity loss and climate change are presenting unprecedented challenges, our work together has never been more important. We are creating lasting havens for wildlife and people, where nature can flourish and communities can find inspiration and renewal.

In the months ahead, with the help of partnerships with organizations like yours, the Nature Trust of New Brunswick is on the brink of an historic achievement: acquiring 15 to 20 new nature preserves by March. These properties will safeguard a stunning variety of ecosystems—from Provincially Significant Wetlands and tidal flats that are essential for species at risk, to rare Appalachian Hardwood Forests and cedar wetlands that serve as biodiversity hubs and natural climate solutions.

As you know, acquiring land is only the beginning. To ensure these spaces remain safe, thriving, and ecologically rich forever, we need the resources to protect and care for them in perpetuity. This is where your continued partnership is invaluable. **Together, we can secure these habitats as vital refuges for wildlife and as sources of resilience for our communities.**

Thank you for being a part of this journey. Your expertise, support, and shared commitment to conservation amplify what we can achieve, and for that, I am deeply grateful. Enclosed is our Gratitude Report—our annual reflection on what we've accomplished together. I hope it inspires you as much as your partnership inspires us.

Yours in conservation,

Stephanie Merrill
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