

Hunt Club Creek – Stream Watch Report

On April 21st, our group attended an online presentation put on by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA). The presentation provided information about the Adopt-A-Stream program and our responsibilities as stream watchers. The presentation is posted on the HCCA website at <https://hunt-club.ca/project/stream-watch/>. There is other information regarding Hunt Club Creek posted at that location as well, including a waiver form for the RVCA to be filled out by volunteers, guidance on invasive plant species and reports on stream surveys done by the RVCA and volunteers and a form to submit a stream watch report.

Recently one of our Stream Watchers surveyed the stream from the portion south of Hunt Club Road (under the purview of the Airport Authority and DND) right through to the outlet at the Rideau River. His report and pictures are on a OneDrive folder, accessible to volunteers and the RVCA. Two observations have resulted in 311 alerts. One is the debris blocking the culvert at the south side of Hunt Club Road and the other is in the portion from Gillespie to Riverside. The latter issue relates to a homeowner on Hackett observed (with photographic evidence) having clear cut the bank of the creek below his retaining wall (presumably on City land) and having a container of Round Up nearby. Action on the latter issue is pending.

Due to the province wide Stay-At-Home order, we are unable to organize any group activities until it is lifted, and it is safe to do so. People can go out with members of their household, preferably in pairs or more. Anyone who wants to be a stream watcher should advise me and complete a waiver and send it to me.

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