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## **Completion of the dock installation work and revegetation of the banks of River Châteauguay**

**Châteauguay, September 17, 2021** — Ville de Châteauguay is pleased to announce the completion of the dock installation work and revegetation of the banks of River Châteauguay carried out over the last few months with the aim of letting residents reclaim this waterway and protect its banks. The new facilities now enable residents and visitors to safely access the river while protecting the environment so they can go fishing, relax or launch non-motorized watercraft.

In total, four docks have been installed, the first in 2019 in Parc de la Commune (east side) and three others in 2020 in Parcs Joseph-Laberge, Marcel-Seers and de la Commune (west side). The aim of these facilities is to create a navigation route along the navigable part of the river and offer a local service to users. The Pointe nautique installed in Parc Joseph-Laberge also uses the new dock to offer a watercraft rental service and for the nautical camp over the summer.

In 2021, another part of the project was carried out by protecting the river banks on bordering municipal land. The selected sites were the same as for the docks, in addition to Parc Chèvrefils. The work involved planting indigenous species of trees, shrubs and perennials to encourage strong root development to protect the banks from freshets and heavy rainfall. The riparian buffer at these sites has been widened to 10 metres and a rope fence has been erected to keep it in a natural state. There are multiple benefits including being able to filter surface water over the years, solidify the river bank and provide shelter to fauna.

This large-scale project was made possible thanks to a \$324,740 contribution shared equally by the Gouvernement du Québec and the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal in the scope of the Trame verte et bleue du Grand Montréal program. The remaining financing was provided by Ville de Châteauguay and the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs as part of the Accès aux plans d'eau pour la pêche récréative program. A signature plaque for the project will also be put up in Parc Joseph-Laberge in the upcoming days stating the main points and highlighting the considerable contribution by the partners involved.

### **Quotes**

"I wish to congratulate Ville de Châteauguay for carrying out this work, which was essential to protect the river and its habitats. This project not only enables residents and visitors to Greater Montréal to access and enjoy this waterway, but also contributes to protecting it. It demonstrates the importance and utility of the Trame verte et bleue du Grand Montréal program and I vow to see such initiatives develop over upcoming years", emphasized the Mayor of Montréal and Executive Committee Chair of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal, Valérie Plante.

"The river is a wonderful resource for Châteauguay residents. They now have improved access to the river all across the city to admire nature, go fishing, relax, or even launch a watercraft. The river banks in these parks have been protected precisely to enable everyone to access these parks and the waterway on a long-term basis", explained Pierre-Paul Routhier, Mayor of Châteauguay.

### **About the Trame verte et bleue du Grand Montréal**

The Trame verte et bleue is a tourism and recreation network which protects and enhances natural environments, landscapes and heritage built in Greater Montréal for the benefit of residents. Financed by the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal, the Gouvernement du Québec and the municipalities, the Trame's numerous projects encourage active and communal transport, and contribute to maintaining biodiversity, reducing the impact of climate change, improving residents' quality of life and reinforcing the attractiveness of the metropolitan region. To find out more, please visit [www.cmm.qc.ca](http://www.cmm.qc.ca).

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