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SHORELINE OFFICERS BACK IN SERVICE IN BROME-MISSISQUOI

As part of its action plan for integrated and sustainable water management, the MRC Brome-Missisquoi has hired three students who will be making the rounds of the shorelines and waterways to make property owners aware of the importance of shorelines. The officers will be trained to inform and advise residents, cottagers and farmers about the best practices to promote the protection of shorelines and improvement of water quality.

In 2016, the shoreline officers, who are back for a third year, will be completing the definition of the characteristics of waterways on the MRC territory. The waterways have been identified and the officers will be having a look at them in the MRC's 21 municipalities, in agricultural, urban, commercial and cottage areas. The small waterways that tend to be overlooked but which carry a large part of the pollutants to rivers and lakes, will come under particular scrutiny.

By making people aware of good environmental practices, the MRC and the municipalities are hoping they will voluntarily adopt these practices over the next three years, before shoreline renaturalization standards are made obligatory through the regulatory process.

Meanwhile, more than 15,000 shrubs were given out and planted on shorelines on May 14, the day on which there was a regional distribution of shrubs. The initiative was such a success that some municipalities ran out of shrubs for their residents.

For further information about the patrolling of shorelines and for a wide range of information on water protection, please go to the website: www.virage-eau.ca

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