

# **Lafarge Canada and Ducks Unlimited - a Partnership for the Brookfield Wetlands and Nature Trail**

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The Brookfield Wetlands and Nature Trail was created through a partnership between Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) and Lafarge Canada Inc., who have been working together since 2003 to conserve wetlands and related habitats around the Brookfield Cement Plant. This particular wetland restoration project was initiated over two years ago and has resulted in the restoration of over 18 acres of wetlands and the protection of 20 additional acres of natural area on Lafarge-owned lands. Thanks to the close link between Lafarge and the local community, the need for a walking trail in the community was identified during the early stages of this project, and as a result, the berms built to restore the wetlands have been built to include 1.8 km of groomed trails for walking and biking. The site was completed just this spring, and has been an instant success with many visitors, from near and far, taking advantage of the excellent bird watching opportunities offered.

DU Canada is a national, private, non-profit organization that has been committed to wetland conservation for 70 years. DU Canada conserves wetlands and their associated habitat for waterfowl, other wildlife and people. DU Canada is working to achieve a mosaic of natural, restored and managed landscapes capable of perpetually sustaining use by people and wildlife without endangering the amount or function of natural lands.

The Lafarge Group is the world leader in building materials, with top-ranking positions in all of its businesses: Cement, Aggregates & Concrete and Gypsum. With 84,000 employees in 79 countries, the group posted sales of 19.0 billion Euros in 2008. Lafarge North America Inc. (LNA) is the largest diversified supplier of construction materials in the United States and Canada. Lafarge Canada Inc., a subsidiary of LNA, owns and operates the Brookfield Cement Plant, which is the only operating cement plant in Atlantic Canada. It has been in operation since 1965, employing 80 people locally and producing approximately 300 000 tonnes of quality cement each year. The Brookfield Cement Plant is committed to being a good neighbor, serving as an active, positive force in the community, and working towards cleaner and greener operations.

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