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THE RIVERS AND LAKES FOUNDATION OF CANADA JOINS FORCES
WITH TQM PIPELINE
TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

Coaticook, October 21, 1999 — Confident that it is entirely possible to reconcile economic development and protection of aquatic and riparian ecosystems, **Trans Québec & Maritimes Pipeline** (TQM Pipeline) concluded a partnership agreement with the **Rivers and Lakes Foundation of Canada** in 1998. This partnership enables the Foundation to pursue its objectives of protecting and restoring lakes and watercourses.

The Foundation is proud to present concrete results of this co-operation, especially certain work done alongside the Nicolet and Monfette rivers in the Asbestos and Arthabaska MRCs:

In the case of the Nicolet River, it was a matter of stopping riverbank erosion at two locations, the Laframboise and Saint-Jean sites.

Laframboise site

To soften the embankments and protect with stone facing, stone bedding, herbaceous seeding and bush planting.

Saint-Jean site

To soften the embankments and protect with faggots, herbaceous seeding and bush planting.

In the case of the Monfette River, six weirs were built so as to slow down water speed and reduce sediment deposits.

We wish to show you these works and explain their results. To do so, a press conference will be held on October 21, 1999, at 11:45 a.m., at Camp Musical Asbestos, 100, 2nd Avenue, City of Trois-Lacs, in the presence of Mario Pellerin, Mayor of Trois-Lacs and also Chairman of the Intermunicipal Committee for the protection and enhancement of the Trois-Lacs water basin, and representatives of the Foundation and TQM Pipeline. The media are invited to the unveiling and the presentation that will follow.

As a result of its partnership with TQM Pipeline, the Rivers and Lakes Foundation has been able to carry biostabilization work of exceptional quality. The Foundation intends to continue its efforts to protect lakes and rivers in the Eastern Townships, the Montérégie and in all other locations where its expertise may prove useful.

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