



ECCC support for the creation of privately protected areas

Soutien d'ECCE à la création d'aires protégées à gouvernance privée

Privately owned properties comprise only about 11% of Canada's land area but are disproportionately important to the conservation of Canada's biodiversity. Most species at risk are found in Southern Canada and this is where the percentage of area conserved, and connectivity between conserved lands, is the lowest. This is also where most Canadians live and privately protected areas give them more options to a better access to nature close to home.

Ecological Gifts Program: provides a way for Canadians to donate ecologically sensitive land to land trusts and other eligible organisations, and receive significant tax benefits. Between the inception of the program in 1995 and 2020, 1571 ecological gifts valued at over \$950 million have been donated across Canada, protecting over 206,000 ha of wildlife habitat.

Natural Area Conservation Program (2007 to 2019):

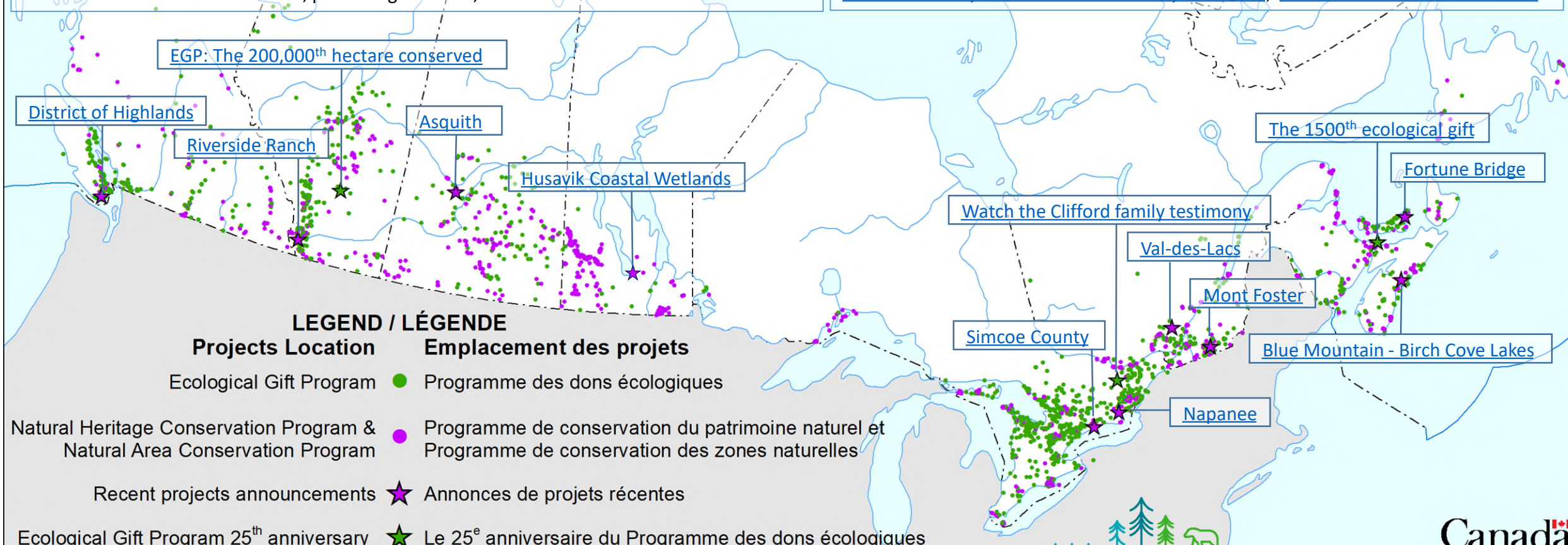
- 27 land trusts supported; 551,300 ha of lands secured
- Total investment of over \$1 billion: \$345 million from ECCE matched by \$700 million from other partners.

[Natural Areas Conservation Program \(Impact report\)](#)

Natural Heritage Conservation Program, Canada Nature Fund (2019-2023):

ECCE's investment of \$100 million over 4 years, matched by \$150 million from other partners, to secure 200,000 ha of lands.

[Administered by the Nature Conservancy of Canada;](#) [Land Trusts Conservation Funds](#)



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Ecological Gift Program

● Programme des dons écologiques

Natural Heritage Conservation Program & Natural Area Conservation Program

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