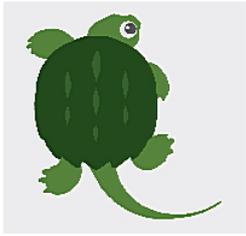


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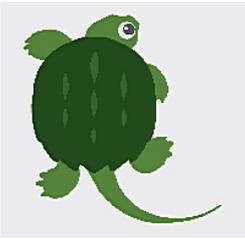
June 6, 2019

Environment & Sustainability
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- What we are about
- Historic interactions with HRM
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- Our Ask
- Questions



Who we are

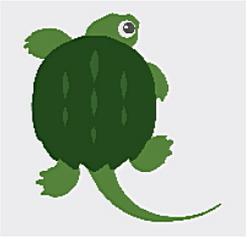


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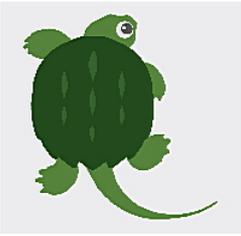
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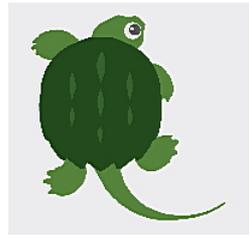
What we are about

- Nova Scotia Association of Turtle Patrollers is a Not-for-Profit society that is aimed at assisting Nova Scotia fresh water turtles.
- Snapping Turtles are our primary interest, but we will assist any species we are able to.
- We fully support the federal Management Plan for Snapping turtles but feel that there is a specific piece missing regarding nests and young.



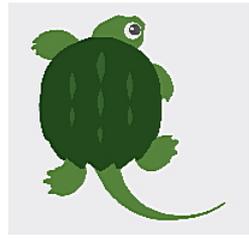
Historic interactions with HRM

- Red Bridge Pond dry well replacement
- Guardians notified us of the work
- Engaged Lands and Forestry, and moved the eggs to Hope for Wildlife
- Two other nests were destroyed by the pond side work
- The original plan was to not replace the destroyed nesting site
- Once again working with HRM and L&F, nesting habitat was reconstructed



Site prior to work starting





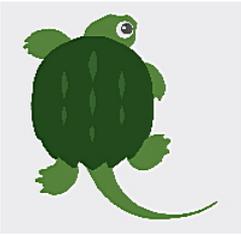
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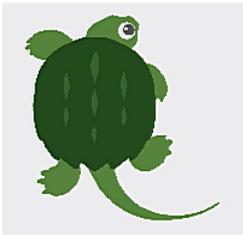
Historic interactions with HRM

- Cobequid Road Snapping turtle nest destruction and nesting area destruction
- Once again one of our Guardians notified us of the work
- Engaged Lands and Forestry and they refused us permission to investigate the nests.
- Two other nests were destroyed by the pond side work
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- Working with HRM crew we were able to get some improved access to the water created for hatchlings.



Bank stabilization work on Cobequid





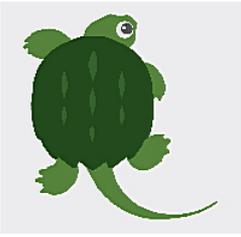
Bank stabilization work on Cobequid





Upgraded with 1 inch clear





Our ask

- As Lands and Forestry don't know where the turtles are, we would like you to call us when planning work around bodies of water.
- We would like that all bank stabilization efforts employ the one inch clear aggregate over the larger material to facilitate hatchlings ability to get to water
- We would like to come back in December and provide a report how the season has gone.