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Subject: Ecology Action Centre's Summer Hiking Project

To: S M Mandaville

Hello,

My name is Chris Brackley, and I am contacting you on behalf of the Ecology Action Centre to inform, and invite you and members of the Soil and Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax to join me on one of a series of hikes I am putting together this summer. Collectively the hikes are called the Community Wilderness Hiking Project, and the following is a quick primer to give you a sense of what they are.

The Ecology Action Centre's COMMUNITY WILDERNESS HIKING PROJECT is:

- A series of 8 - 10 open-eyed, slow-paced, back country hikes that will be taking place throughout the month of July on patches of Crown land in and around the Chebucto Peninsula.
- A chance for people interested in (but not necessarily informed about) the future of wilderness around the Halifax area to learn more about the state of wild land in Nova Scotia, as well as learning how to get involved in setting a course for our land's future.
- An opportunity to learn about wilderness hiking in Nova Scotia, from where to go and where to avoid, to how to use a map and compass, to how to be respectful of land while visiting it.
- A hiking experience that will intertwine discussion of the impacts of development and forestry on the landscape with reflective personal moments spent breathing in the beauty of the forest.
- A unique and rich experience not soon forgotten.

I am contacting you not only in hopes that this project may be of interest to you and/or your membership, but also because I am interested to learn from you about the unique character of lakes and soils on the Chebucto Peninsula. Your perspective on the state of soil and water on the Peninsula will be invaluable to me as a wilderness guide and educator. Further I am putting together information packages which will describe the range of issues facing the landscape to compliment the hikes, and such information would be very useful in preparing these packages.

If you are interested in learning more about the project, or can help me with information on lakes and soils on the Peninsula, please reply to this e-mail, or call me at (902) 830 - 6526.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Chris
EAC Wilderness Issues Committee

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