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Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority announces launch of data visualization platform, made possible by RBC Foundation through RBC Tech for Nature, for the Shared Knowledge for Climate Action Initiative

SAUGEEN WATERSHED, ONTARIO - Bruce, Dufferin, Huron, Grey, and Wellington Counties.

With support from the RBC Foundation through RBC Tech for Nature, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) has acquired a data visualization tool and the support necessary for assembling and performing a detailed review of precipitation, snow, and surface water quality data, thereby granting the public ready access to the extensive environmental data amassed by SVCA.

For decades, SVCA has been dedicated to collecting data on surface water, precipitation, and snow at dozens of locations throughout the watershed. This funding opportunity has enabled SVCA to offer this data in a format compliant with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA), enhancing data transparency. Such openness in data sharing empowers community groups, environmental organizations, local governments, universities, and various stakeholders to further their knowledge in watershed management, and advance climate change initiatives.

"RBC is committed to accelerating the transition to a greener economy by supporting new ideas, technologies and partnerships that solve pressing environmental challenges," said Thea Silver, Senior Director, Environmental Impact, RBC. "We're proud to support Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority and their work through the Shared Knowledge Through Climate Action Initiative, which aims to provide the public with access to environmental data, support climate change initiatives and foster informed decision-making regarding water resources."

This milestone initiative marks a significant advancement in the dissemination of public knowledge and the improvement of SVCA's existing water resources management program.

For more information about the Tech for Nature program, please visit: www.RBC.com/techfornature

To view the data, please visit: <a href="www.saugeenconservation.ca/data">www.saugeenconservation.ca/data</a>

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