

## PRESS RELEASE

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### The first ever educational patrol in Brome Lake this summer

Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 – Renaissance Brome Lake (RBL) is launching a brand-new educational patrol project in partnership with the Town of Brome Lake to raise awareness among residents about the impacts of rainwater runoff on their properties and worksites. Léa Couture, a student completing her bachelor's degree in environment at McGill and Brome Lake native, will be knocking on doors to meet citizens. She will support them in the implementation of solutions serving to minimize the damaging effects of rainwater runoff and to protect our beloved lake.

Alix Tremblay, project manager at RBL specifies that “the patroller's role is not to inspect for municipal regulation violations, but rather to raise awareness and support citizens for better runoff water management on their property”.

#### Downspout disconnection

One of the main priorities of this project is the disconnection of gutters releasing rainwater directly into the Town of Brome Lake's sewer system and therefore, overburdening it. The patroller will help identify whether a disconnection is required on your property and suggest alternatives such as a rain garden.

#### The educational patrol sets the stage for the arrival of rain gardens in Brome Lake in 2023

Resembling a flowerbed, a rain garden is above all a functional green space used to capture rainwater from impermeable surfaces such as roofs. RBL is teaming up with the Town of Brome Lake who is partially funding the creation of rain gardens in 2023. Such a project from the OBV Yamaska is successfully underway in [Waterloo](#). The educational patroller will publicize the program in preparation for the summer of 2023.

#### Environmentally friendly worksites

Furthermore, with the increase in construction and renovation projects in Brome Lake, it is important that these sites be well planned and managed to avoid runoff and erosion which contributes to the water quality decline. The educational patroller will offer help to all citizens embarking on such projects to ensure that they do not harm the lake's health and its ecosystems.

So, watch out for RBL's educational patroller as she is there to help!



# Renaissance Lac Brome Lake

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