

## PRESS RELEASE

### VIRAGE RIVAGES PROJECT A 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR OF SHORELINE RESTORATION WORK FOR OPÉRATION PAJE AND MASSEY-VANIER STUDENTS

Stanbridge East, July 12, 2016 – This past May, through the financial contribution by the Graymont company in Bedford and the efforts of the youth organization, Opération PAJE, 50 high-school students at Massey-Vanier planted some 1,000 shrubs on the shoreline of the Larocque et frères farm in Stanbridge East.



A team of Massey-Vanier High School students

Opération PAJE (*Partenariat Action Jeunesse en Environnement*), is an initiative aimed at matching the specific needs of the community and the objectives of academic curricula. It helps to derive immediate and measurable results for the community and its environment.

“The planting activity allowed students to work with experienced people, while making them mindful of the connection between theory and practice,” said Manon Brien, technician and coordinator at Massey-Vanier High School. “This makes the learning process even more tangible.”

One of the key objectives of the shrub planting is to take action against green algae in waterways, and improve the quality of these bodies of water. It will also help in stabilizing stream banks, limiting soil degradation and reducing phosphorous inputs.

You can reserve your plants now for the spring of 2017 by using the registration form on the MRC Brome-Missisquoi website at [www.mrcbm.qc.ca/shrubs](http://www.mrcbm.qc.ca/shrubs).



Planting work on the shoreline of the Larocque et frères farm in Stanbridge East



These large-size indigenous shrubs are produced by the MRC Brome-Missisquoi nursery, which is unique in the province of Québec.

The program is the result of a collaboration with the NOVOTEL Ottawa and Montréal Centre hotels, the Graymont company in Bedford, the Town of Brome Lake and the G.A.L. company in Lac-Brome.

For any information regarding the shrubs and their distribution by the Virage Rivages project, please go to [www.mrcbm.qc.ca/shrubs](http://www.mrcbm.qc.ca/shrubs).

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