

## **From equipment training ground to a restored wetland, the Shaffner Wetland Restoration Site.**

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This presentation outlines the process, approach, and monitoring undertaken for the restoration of a wetland owned by and located within the Town of Middleton, Nova Scotia. The site provides a wildlife oasis and movement corridor between the Annapolis River and the forests north of the municipality. The wetland was restored (summer 2022) within the constraints of not modifying the existing water table or drainage, and not impacting the adjacent residential and transportation infrastructure that bounds all sides of the project property. Creating a perimeter walking trail and an outdoor classroom in partnership with a local community watershed management NGO will provide for long term community engagement in the wetland and wildlife it supports.