

## **Groupe d'éducation et d'écosurveillance de l'eau / Education and Water Monitoring Action Group - G3E (Nathalie Piedboeuf, director)**

### **Programme « J'adopte un cours d'eau »**

For the past ten years, in collaboration with distinguished government and non-government partners, the G3E has been offering schools (all levels), national parks, and the general community the opportunity to participate in the Adopt a River program, a major pan-Canadian project surveying the ecological health of our rivers. This program has been recognized for the quality of its pedagogical material, the quality of the data it has collected (which is facilitating a global evaluation of the health of our rivers), as well as for the exemplary follow-up offered by the organization to those participating in the project.

Since 2009, over 35,000 youth have been actively involved in river conservation and data collection, mainly in Quebec, eastern Ontario, and Prince Edward Island. Through a community action plan, local citizens and visitors of protected areas in New Brunswick, Manitoba, Quebec and Alberta are now also able to actively participate in this network.

Recipient of several awards, Adopt a River constitutes an excellent example of best practices regarding its approach to resource preservation, sustainable river usage, and raising awareness about biodiversity.