

## Community Action

The River Institute encourages people of all ages to get involved and excited about our environment. The annual conference, speaker series, summer camps, and open house events encourage the entire community to get involved in environmental initiatives.

*"My daughter arrived home filthy, covered in paint, mud, pond scum, dirt, and sweat, with lots of anecdotes of new scientific discoveries and wonderful stories of her exploits at camp - Fabulous! Fabulous! Fabulous!"*

Melanie Baker Brown, Parent.



St. Lawrence  
**River Institute**  
of Environmental Sciences

## Donate Now!

As a non-profit organization, the River Institute is dependent on grants and donations to support its programs. You can make your donation on-line at [www.riverinstitute.ca](http://www.riverinstitute.ca) or contact the River Institute directly to make a contribution to the program of your choice. To ensure that the River Institute remains in our community forever, please consider a donation to the River Institute Sustainability Fund – an established endowment fund that generates interest revenue for long-term sustainability.

*"Our goal is to set a whole new standard for environmental science: to identify and undertake vital research for protection and rehabilitation of the St. Lawrence River and other freshwater systems; to inspire and motivate young people to get involved in environmental issues; and to provide our community with the information they need to become responsible stewards of our environment."*

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*“The River Institute is a leading force and primary resource in freshwater research. By merging research work with educational experiences, it provides innovative opportunities for young people to get excited about environmental science. The River Institute provides the tools and knowledge we need to care for our river and protect this fragile resource.”*

Tom Kaneb, Past President; Chair of Fundraising Committee



*“How these researchers came to be here is one of the great stories of this community. They are steadfast in their commitment to help us learn and understand more about our freshwater resources. The River Institute enriches and enlightens our community with its scientific expertise and puts Cornwall on the map as a centre of scientific excellence.”*

Paul Fitzpatrick, CAO, City of Cornwall

## Research

At the River Institute, research projects are dedicated to issues such as water quality, water chemistry, freshwater toxicology, biodiversity, and food web dynamics with a focus on the St. Lawrence River and other freshwater ecosystems.



## History

In the mid 1980's, the International Joint Commission identified the St. Lawrence River at Cornwall as an Area of Concern in the Great Lakes Basin. In response, a group of local citizens, government representatives, and the Mohawks of Akwesasne joined forces to create the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences - an independent, non-partisan Institute for environmental research and education. The goal was to answer the questions the community was asking -- to share the results with the broader public as a whole, and to establish partnerships with the scientific community. The River Institute has gained international recognition for its dedication to freshwater research, education, and community action.



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*“The River Institute is introducing science to a generation of young people in our community. The scientists are committed to the concept of de-mystifying science and making it accessible and exciting for young people. They provide opportunities that encourage students to consider post-secondary options in science.”*

Don Fairweather, Campus Dean,  
St. Lawrence College, Cornwall Campus

## Education

The River Institute has the unique ability to translate ongoing research programs into educational opportunities for young people. Hands-on workshops, internships, and work placements provide young people with the inspiration and motivation to realize their potential and consider a career in science.

