

Building a Community Stewardship Program from Local Research

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St. Lawrence Islands National Park is working collaboratively with the Leeds Stewardship Council and local landowners to build a community turtle stewardship program in the Thousand Islands area that is based on ecological research and monitoring, and social science projects and principals. These research projects include home range and habitat description research initiatives for Blanding's, stinkpot and northern map turtles in the Grenadier Island wetland complex and associated mainland properties by the University of Ottawa, a proposed project to analyze spatial clustering of road mortality occurrences by Carleton University, and a Landowner Attitudes and Values Survey conducted by the Park in 2007.