

Key Habitat Conservation Priority
St. Lawrence Valley

MILLIONS OF WATERFOWL ARE DRAWN TO THE ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY WETLANDS EVERY YEAR. DUC WILL WORK TO TURN THE TIDE OF EXTENSIVE HABITAT LOSS HERE BY CONSERVING AND MANAGING THESE PRODUCTIVE WETLANDS.

\$21 million



MANY OF CANADA'S earliest settlements were established in Québec, in the area now known as the St. Lawrence Valley. Located along the shores of the St. Lawrence River and its tributaries, the area is blessed with productive land and well-developed transportation corridors that continue to draw more people into the valley, expanding its cities and towns and placing higher demands on the environ-

ment. As a result, wetlands have come under tremendous pressure from human development and habitat losses have been extensive – exceeding 70 per cent in some areas. Waterfowl, fish, other wildlife and people have all been affected.



EVERY YEAR, MILLIONS OF WATERFOWL travel the Atlantic Flyway. Québec's size and abundance of diverse habitats attract

countless waterfowl; the vast majority of these waterfowl depend on the wetland habitats of the St. Lawrence Valley to fulfill some aspect of their life-cycle needs. It is critical to maintain the extent and function of the wetlands in this landscape: in the next six years, DUC will work to conserve over 40,000 acres of habitat in this important area. ✈