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## Island and Bay Restoration Project completed – community invited to KEPO presentation

### For immediate release

**(Kahnawake – 7, Kentenhkó:wa/November 2022)** The Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office (KEPO) is pleased to announce the completion of the Tekakwitha Island and Bay Restoration project. Over the past several months, the primary focus has been on installing trees, shrubs, and aquatic plants across the project zones. The contractor, RML Landscaping, will be maintaining these plants for one-year to ensure optimal growing conditions and some minimal fencing will remain on-site during this period to protect the plants.

Overall, the project included dredging 5,000 cubic meters of sediment from the bay, the creation of two large wetland features, natural access points to the water, a community beach, removal of invasive species and replacement with diverse native plants and other amenities. The project was funded through contributions from the government of Canada and Projet REM (the light rail project being constructed on the island of Montreal).

KEPO will continue monitoring how the project areas evolve over the coming years and continue maintenance activities when required. A grand opening for the project will be held in the Spring of 2023 and the community will be invited to visit the site and meet with project participants at that time.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: On Wednesday, KEPO will be presenting the project at an upcoming webinar highlighting Indigenous-led restoration. Interested community members can register for this free event here: <http://www.latornell.ca/webinars/> (webinar #2).**

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