



Environmental and Sustainability Policy

1. Purpose

Quad NB (“the Federation”) is committed to protecting the natural environment and promoting the sustainable use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) across the province. This policy sets out the Federation’s environmental responsibility principles and the practices expected of the Federation, its staff, contractors, directors, officers, member clubs, volunteers, and trail users to ensure the long-term viability of ATV use in New Brunswick.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all individuals who take part in Federation activities or access managed trails, including:

- a) Directors and officers
- b) Employees (full-time, part-time, casual)
- c) Volunteers and delegates of member clubs
- d) Contractors, consultants, and service providers acting on behalf of the Federation
- e) Trail users

All persons subject to this policy are collectively referred to as “Representatives.”

3. Definitions

Representative: Any person covered under the Scope section who interacts with the Federation or participates in its activities.

4. Guiding Principles

- a) Promote environmental responsibility
Prioritize environmental protection in all trail planning, development, maintenance, and events, following best practices in land use and conservation of natural resources.

b) Support sustainable recreation and tourism

Encourage responsible ATV experiences that allow people to enjoy nature while reducing ecological impacts, thereby supporting the sustainability of New Brunswick's rural economies and ecosystems.

c) Collaborate with key partners

Work with the Government of New Brunswick, Indigenous communities, landowners, and environmental organizations to align ATV operations with conservation efforts and sustainable land-management practices.

d) Education and awareness

Provide training, awareness activities, and educational resources to members, volunteers, and the public on responsible ATV use, Leave No Trace principles, and protection of sensitive habitats and species.

5. Environmental Standards

The Federation commits to the following standards:

1. Compliance with laws and regulations

All trail construction, maintenance, and events must comply with applicable provincial and federal environmental laws and regulations, including:

a) New Brunswick Clean Water Act

b) New Brunswick Clean Environment Act

c) Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA 1999)

d) Relevant guidance from the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development (DNRED/NRED), such as buffer zones for watercourses and wetlands.

2. Sustainable trail design and maintenance

Trails must be planned and maintained to:

a) Minimize soil erosion, habitat disturbance, and impacts on watercourses;

b) Avoid ecologically sensitive areas such as wetlands, wildlife refuges, and critical habitats;

c) Implement sustainable practices such as proper drainage, hardening of trail surfaces, and seasonal closures where needed.

3. Waste and pollution management

a) Promote responsible waste disposal, including a "pack it in, pack it out" approach;

- b) Discourage littering, illegal dumping, and any contamination of soils and watercourses;
- c) Encourage the use of well-maintained, low-emission vehicles.

4. Protection of wildlife and habitats

- a) Respect wildlife corridors and breeding areas;
- b) Adhere to seasonal trail closures to protect vulnerable species and vegetation;
- c) Take measures to prevent the introduction or spread of invasive species.

6. Continuous Improvement

The Federation will regularly review and improve its environmental practices. To this end, it will:

- a) Conduct periodic assessments of trails and management practices;
- b) Monitor new regulations, technologies, and sustainability models;
- c) Update this policy and related procedures in consultation with stakeholders.

7. Education and Awareness

- a) The Federation will develop educational resources, signage, and training to promote safe and environmentally respectful conduct.
- b) Clubs must organize at least one annual awareness or environmental cleanup event to engage members and local communities.
- c) The Federation will share positive messages in media and communities, highlighting the ATV sector's commitment to sustainability.

8. Partnerships and Collaboration

The Federation will seek partnerships with environmental organizations, tourism stakeholders, and landowners to:

- a) Support biodiversity conservation projects;
- b) Encourage shared-use initiatives that respect sensitive habitats;
- c) Participate in research or pilot projects related to sustainable land use.

9. Accountability and Reporting

- a) The TIF Committee will consider environmental factors in project proposals and allocation of trust funds.

- b) The Federation will include an Environmental Management Report in the documentation for its Annual General Meeting, summarizing actions taken, results achieved, and upcoming goals.
- c) Clubs that fail to meet environmental standards may be subject to corrective measures, including loss of access to Federation funding or cancellation of trail approvals.

10. Policy Review & Organizational Notice

- a) This policy will be reviewed every two (2) years or as required by law or organizational need.
- b) This policy is approved by the Board of Directors and is published on the Federation's official website as the authoritative standard applicable to all Representatives.
- c) Notice of this policy shall be provided through Board communication, staff communication, club leadership communication, and public posting in accordance with the Federation's Policy Rollout & Implementation Procedure.
- d) All Representatives are deemed to be aware of and subject to this policy through their participation in Federation activities.

11. Acknowledgment

Participation in Federation activities, governance, employment, volunteering, contracting, or representation constitutes acknowledgment of and agreement to abide by this policy.

No individual signature is required for this policy to be in effect.

Approved by the Quad NB Board of Directors on December 1, 2025.

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