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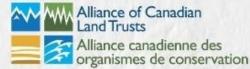
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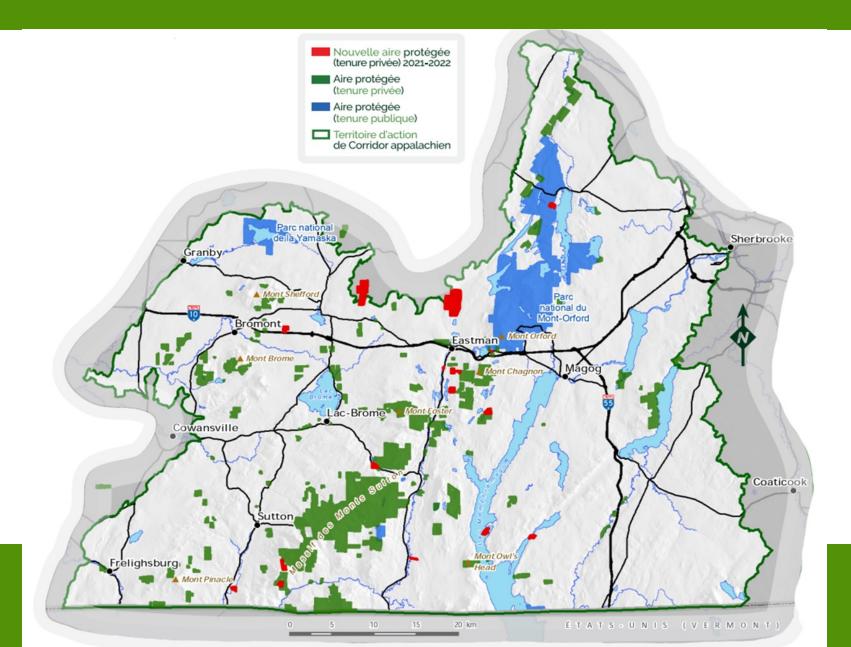




Les Boisés Khartoum Transaction A new path in terms of acquisition October 25th, 2022

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Where we work (Northern Green Mountains)



What we do





Our Team



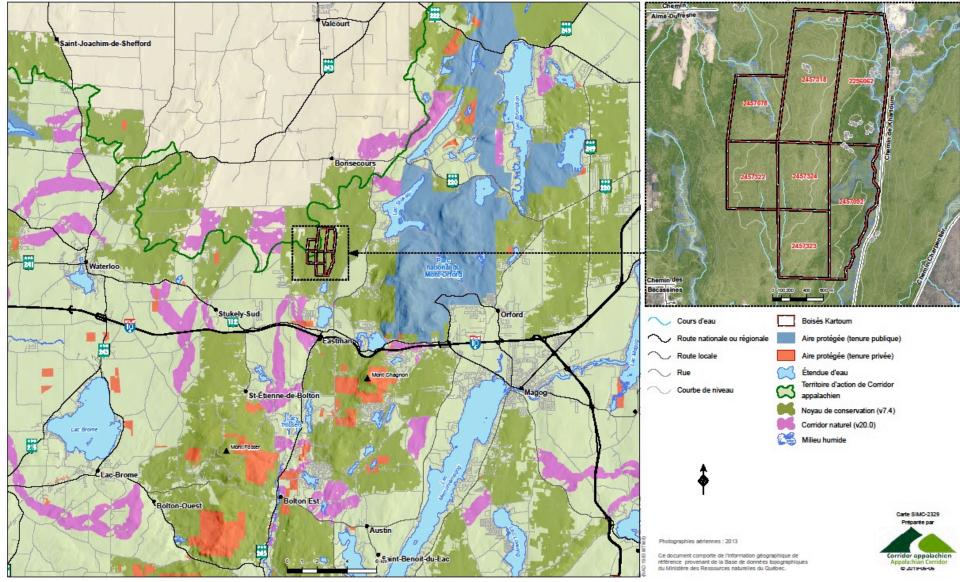
Les Boisés Khartoum-Location

Localisation

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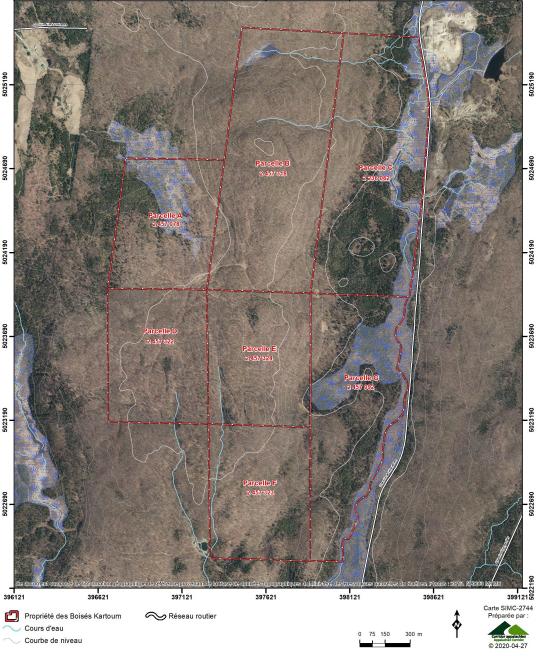
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Assiette du projet – Parcelles

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Property features

- 442,3 ha (1092 acres)
- Altitude between 250 m et 350 m
- Khartoum stream and wetland
- Close to Mount Orford National Park
- Stepstone for connectivity
- + Diversity of habitats



Ecological Features



Transaction context

- Land was in the family for over 60 years
- In 2004 the 9 children inherited the property
- They created a company : Les boisés Khartoum inc. (LBK) owned by them (9 shareholders)
- All of the company's asset is the land (+ 1 harrow!)



A first bump on the road!!



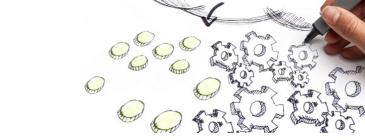
The family refuses to sell the land They sell the company (non-negotiable)



The solution we found

Buy the company and proceed with a due diligence





Pre-steps: Board meeting/

Due diligence mandate/ notify our financial partners

Sequence of the transaction:

- 1. Purchase of shares by Appalachian Corridor
- 2. Liquidation of shares in Appalachian Corridor
- 3. Dissolution of LBK inc.

Corridor appalachien Appalachian Corridor

Another bump on the road!!



Tax impact of about 475 000\$ in capital gain for Appalachian Corridor Completely an unusual situation!!



The new (!) solution we found



Create a joint-stock corporation (subsidiary), owned by Appalachian Corridor, which would proceed with the purchase of LBK shares!



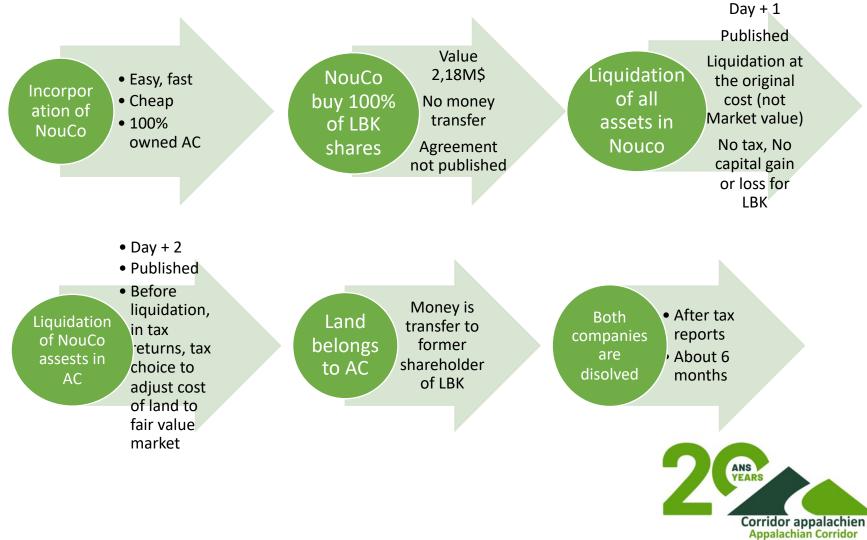
New bumps on the road!!



Board fears (reluctancy) Doubts about legality, fiscal transparency Grants: money to a company?



Mechanism



5 hours of signatures later...!



Conclusion

- Inconsistency in tax law (taxable capital gain by a charity!)
- A charity can create a company
 - !!!: no commercial activity
- There are many advantages for regular companies: Why not taking advantages of it?
- Tax treatment : Very common for companies

(as far has we know) First time a charity ever bought a company in Canada!



Conclusion

- When it's complicated: we don't improvise ourselves as specialists. Get accompanied by the best!
- No sales taxes, nor mutation rights!!!
- Dare to take risks
- Have a lot of stubbornness!
- Great land is protected forever
- Open a new way (path) in conservation



When there's a will, there's a way!!



Questions ?

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