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***So what's the Alliance been up to lately? Here is a sample:***

- Alliance members are part of a coalition that is trying to restore the **Carp River** to good health. A letter was sent to the Ontario Minister of Environment, requesting a more thorough environmental assessment of a number of projects proposed by the Kanata West developers. A decision is expected before the end of the year. (See separate handout.) Meanwhile, serious discussions with developers and the city (staff and politicians) may yet get underway to see the River restoration project extended to the rural reach – our key objective..
- The Alliance appealed several sections of the **2003 Ottawa Official Plan** to the Ontario Municipal Board and was accepted as a Party to several others. We have won a number of settlements and, last May, went through 2-day hearing where we gained some points but a Decision on our main demand in that hearing (for greater protection of Rural Natural Features) has not yet been issued. One last issue remains to be adjudicated: the City's policies on Country Lot Subdivisions. A hearing on this appeal is now scheduled for January 2007.
- The Alliance is part of a **Coalition for NCC Renewal**, made up by 14 organizations and led by an Alliance member. The Coalition is drafting four papers: on Gatineau Park, on the Greenbelt, on NCC lands other than the Park and the Greenbelt, and on Governance. The NCC Review Panel will hear our submissions in November.
- A major milestone with the **Poet's Hill** project at Beechwood Cemetery was reached on September 13 with the inauguration of the site by the Parliamentary Poet Laureate. As well, working with two Councillors and city staff, we achieved agreement to protect the view of Parliament Hill from the site (and from the adjacent Tommy Douglas memorial) in the Official Plan and Zoning By-law.
- The **Poets' Pathway** project (of which Poet's Hill is one anchor) has been recognized by the Community Foundation of Ottawa/Sustainability Fund as a project eligible to attract donations. (See the major article by Janice Kennedy in the *Ottawa Citizen* of September 10, 2006).
- For the **municipal election** on November 13, Alliance members together with the Ottawa Group of the Sierra Club of Canada, are preparing a voting score card of the incumbents to assess their environmental record and a questionnaire for all candidates to reveal their opinions on environmental issues.
- Our **web site** is being redesigned. A **newsletter** is being prepared.

***There's much to do! Contact us if you'd like to help on this or several other projects!***