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### Annual Management Plan Implementation Update 2015

The 2007 Sault Ste. Marie Canal National Historic Site Management Plan identifies the long-term strategic direction and how it will be managed, consistent with Parks Canada's mandate: protect and present nationally significant examples of Canada's natural and cultural heritage, and foster public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment in ways that ensure their ecological and commemorative integrity for present and future generations.

This annual update serves as a progress update to partners, stakeholders, and the public. This brief summary outlines our progress in implementing the management plan over the last year.

#### **Infrastructure Improvements**

- Four approved Federal Infrastructure Investment capital projects are now underway to improve the condition of the site entry road, the Superintendent's Residence, the Powerhouse and the Stores Building
- Restoration of greenhouse to improve both safety and efficiency and renewal of partnership with Sault Ste. Marie Horticultural Society

## Visitor Experience Enhancements

- Two new education programs launched for summer visitors and school groups
- Visitor Information Station introduced at site to provide information, give free airbrush tattoos, and engage visitors in activities
- New visitor orientation signage installed for information sharing and wayfinding
- Preservation of historic landscape through removal of berm at east end and ongoing tree planting and maintenance program

## Site Planning

- Completed Visitor Experience Strategy and Product Development Action Plan
- Initiated first phase of new management plan due in 2017