



The Magog River Gorge is already accessible from the paths designed by the CHARMES management corporation as well as from some Hydro-Sherbrooke footbridges.



The Frontenac power station, the oldest hydroelectric installation in Québec still in operation, can be found mid-way. An interactive exposition «Lumières sur la ville» (lights on the town), produced by the Sherbrooke Historical Society, uncovers hydroelectric production with the help of various experiences and demonstrations. Interpretive guides go with visitors on the dam and guide them inside the power station. A booklet is also available at the Frontenac power station to complement the visit of the gorge while learning the city's history.

In 2006, Sherbrooke, Cité des Rivières intends to strengthen and secure the existing paths and footbridges of the Magog River Gorge, to increase the number of accesses to the gorge and to complete the circuit between the Esplanade Frontenac and Abénaquis dam.



The Canada-Québec Infrastructures program offers a subsidy equivalent to two thirds of the cost of this project. The City of Sherbrooke and Sherbrooke, Cité des Rivières were delighted by the announcement of Québec Prime Minister, Mr. Jean Charest, on September 16, 2005 concerning the investments for the continuation of the work on the Sherbrooke, Cité des Rivières project. These major investments will allow the continuation of two phases of the project, which are the development and restoration of the old station and the creation of paths and footbridges in the Magog River Gorge.



This announcement represents a real reward for all the work done in recent years in order to revitalize the city's downtown area and to promote Sherbrooke rivers. The location and architectural heritage character of the old station will become an important part of the project. The realization of the future installations reflect the motivation and the outstanding collaboration of the people involved to work on a collective project for the creation of innovative projects, with high potential for Sherbrooke's future.

The announcement of these investments is in line with the direction that Sherbrooke, Cité des Rivières worked on from the beginning. Sherbrooke, Cité des Rivières will design a market in the CP train station's building and develop paths and footbridges in the Magog River Gorge. It will also ensure that public funds will be invested in the best possible way to complete these great projects, to complete the work undertaken on the Promenade du Lac-des-Nations and on the Esplanade Frontenac. In fact, the creation of paths and footbridges in the Magog River Gorge will allow the residents to take back their city center by linking these two major areas. The Magog River Gorge will offer a trail of relaxation and interpretation while focusing on the river and its environmental, economic and cultural importance.