

To whom this may concern,

My name is Jesse De Luca and I consider myself a naturalist and passionate outdoor enthusiast that loves wildlife. I participate in volunteering my time in wildlife conservation across the globe. I know it is very difficult to exist along side nature without disrupting it so I do keep my views and opinions as realistic as possible. My main concern for this project is the construction of human habitation and structures along any of the waterways in the area. It is known that the northern map turtle (*Graptemys geographica*) resides in the habitats along the shore lines from Iles Aux Tourtes to Cap-St-Jacques. If their access to the shorelines are blocked they will lose valuable nesting sites and over time this species along with other species of turtles that includes the eastern painted turtle (*Chrysemys picta picta*) and the snapping turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*) will slowly disappear. I have included a link below concerning conservation of the map turtle that includes an article from the Ecomuseum on their conservation project to protect this species. Again I understand we do need to develop our living space, but I believe we must respect nature as much as possible while doing so.

<http://zoocomuseum.ca/en/northern-map-turtle/>

Regards,

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