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CANADA'S ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN PREPARES COTEAU-DU-LAC NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA FOR COMMEMORATION OF THE WAR OF 1812

COTEAU-DU-LAC, QUEBEC, July 23, 2009 – The Honourable Pierre Claude Nolin, Senator, on behalf of the Honourable Jim Prentice, Canada's Environment Minister and Minister responsible for Parks Canada, today announced a \$225,000 visitor infrastructure investment at Coteau-du-Lac National Historic Site of Canada in preparation for bicentennial commemorations of the War of 1812. This announcement is part of Canada's Economic Action Plan.

"Canada's Economic Action Plan is our government's plan to stimulate our economy during the global recession," said Senator Nolin. The investments announced today will not only help preserve and improve key national historic sites commemorating the War of 1812, but will also provide an economic stimulus and local jobs."

Canada's Economic Action Plan sets aside \$75 million for improvements to visitor facilities in Canada's national parks and national historic sites over the next two years and another \$75 million for the protection of national historic sites during the same time period. A total of \$12 million has been allocated to national historic sites associated with the War of 1812, in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick.

The funding will help to ensure the protection of resources and enhance the visitor experience at the site. A reception area will be created to accommodate the site's activities, many of which will be offered in collaboration with the municipality of Coteau-du-Lac.

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