

Supporting local efforts - "Run-down" neighbourhoods get a boost from ÉCOF

For a region that is supposed to be struggling, things are pretty lively in Trois-Rivières, the capital of the Mauricie region in Quebec!

While one neighbourhood organized a forum to discuss its future, another planned a spring festival. In yet another, people explore how to improve the safety of their neighbourhood by creating opportunities for young people.



In each of them, small community ventures - such as a home cleaning service, a newspaper and catering venture - are taking hold.

What do all these activities, so varied at first glance, have in common, apart from the fact that they are located in what some would call "run-down" neighbourhoods?

They are part of a collective effort by local residents to build strong neighbourhoods and they emerge, in part, because of support from the Économie communautaire de Francheville (ÉCOF), also known as the CDÉC de Trois-Rivières.

 [Learn more about ÉCOF, one of Trois-Rivières' greatest resources, and a participating member of the Vibrant Communities pan-Canadian learning community here.](#)

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