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### New Shoreline Naturalization Program

Help spread the word – the RVCA has a new Shoreline Naturalization Program that provides simple, cost effective advice and hands-on guidance on how to enhance or naturalize shorelines. Landowners may be eligible for a one-on-one site visit where RVCA staff help develop a shoreline planting plan that harmonizes land use needs with the concepts of naturalization. The program also provides financial assistance (75 per cent to a maximum \$1,000) for planning, purchasing and planting of approved projects. This isn't just for landowners! Municipalities, lake associations, river groups and other not-for-profit groups are also eligible for assistance with projects including shoreline demonstration sites, shrub handouts and planting days. (andrea.klymko@rvca.ca)

### Regulation Maps for Public Review

Two information sessions are scheduled for the public to review and comment on the RVCA's draft regulation limits mapping.

- ▶ **New regulation limits mapping** has been prepared for Barnes Creek, Kemptville Creek, Kemptville Creek (North Branch) in North Grenville and Augusta Townships; this is further to the flood plain mapping information presented to the public last fall.
- ▶ **Revised or extended mapping** is available for Blueberry Creek (a tributary of the Tay River in Tay Valley Township immediately west of Perth) and the Rideau River (in and around the Town of Smiths Falls).
- ▶ **Some wetland boundaries** are being adjusted in conjunction with a recent review by MNR of wetland boundaries in a number of areas (mostly in the City of Ottawa).

The RVCA is looking for local input and information to help fine-tune hazard limits and the associated regulatory limits.

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Smiths Falls Legion, Smiths Falls

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Maplewood Community Hall, Oxford Mills

You can also book an appointment to view the draft maps from October 5 to 9 at the RVCA head office in Manotick by calling Kellie at 613-692-3571 extension 1128. (don.maciver@rvca.ca)

### A Municipal Must-Have

Municipalities with onsite septic systems can stock up on some helpful landowner information. *SepticSmart – A Homeowner's Guide to Septic Systems*, is a valuable booklet that helps property owners care and maintain their home's septic system. This book was written and designed at the Conservation Authority in cooperation with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. To get copies for your municipal front counter, contact Megan at [megan.watters@rvca.ca](mailto:megan.watters@rvca.ca).

## Wanted – Environmental Heros

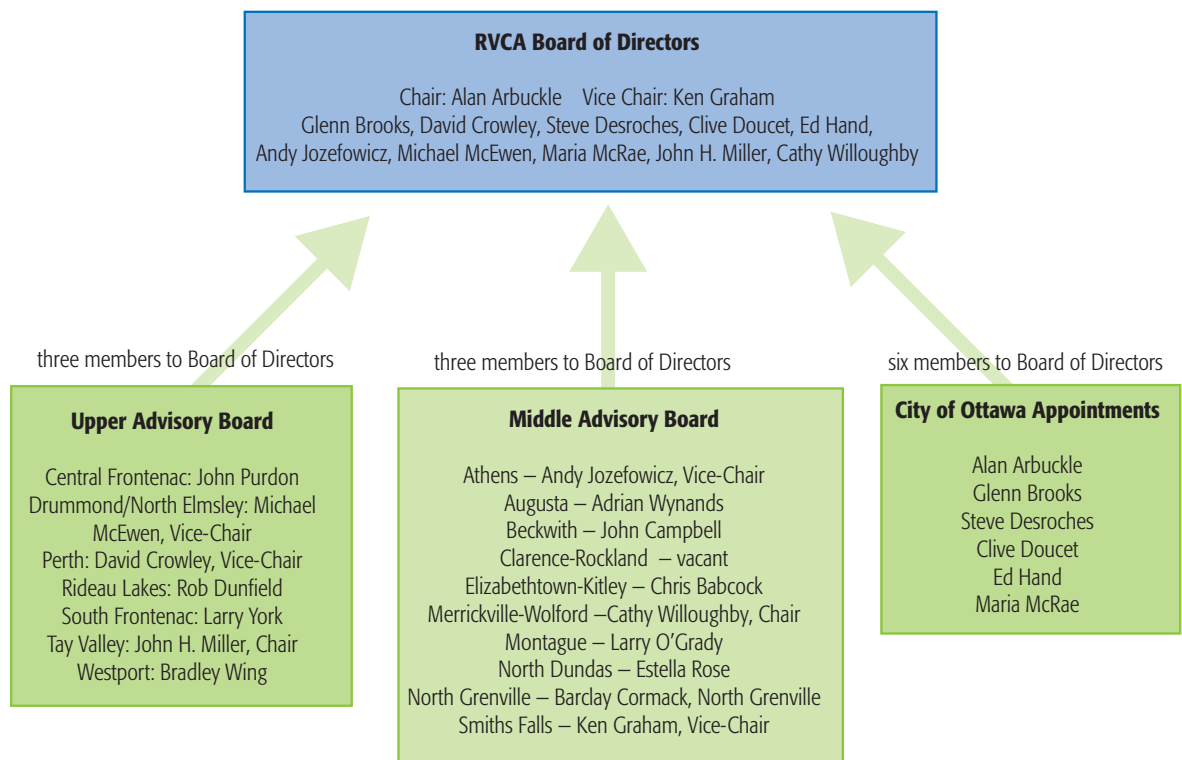
The Tri-Valley Conservation Awards want to shine a little recognition on our environmental heros at the Conservation Gala to be held in Almonte Old Town Hall on October 21. If you know someone in the watershed who is doing their part to conserve water, reduce energy, plant trees or provide environmental leadership be sure to nominate them before September 11. We have eight categories: primary school, intermediate/high school, college/university, agriculture, community group, individual, business and municipal. Nomination forms are available at [www.rvca.ca](http://www.rvca.ca) under "What's New?" ([charles.billington@rvca.ca](mailto:charles.billington@rvca.ca))

## Municipal Leadership Through RVCA Boards

The RVCA's board members are appointed by the municipalities that are within the RVCA's watershed. All appointments are made by the elected council of the municipality. The number of representatives per municipality is based on the population of the municipality. The City of Ottawa, with a population of over 870,800 and the largest municipality in Rideau Valley Conservation Authority's watershed, is allotted six representatives on the board of directors.

The RVCA has two advisory boards representing the interests of the Upper and Middle watershed. These two advisory boards appoint three members to the Board of Directors.

One of the toughest jobs of a director is to present the concerns of their municipality, while at the same time, work for the good of all watershed residents. ([dell.hallett@rvca.ca](mailto:dell.hallett@rvca.ca))



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- ▶ Conservation Authorities are jointly owned by the municipalities in the watershed. There are 18 municipalities within the Rideau Valley.
- ▶ Conservation Authorities were established by the provincial government at the request of municipalities, to be funded jointly by the province and municipalities.
- ▶ The activities of the RVCA are driven by local municipalities, landowners and community organizations.
- ▶ The Board of Directors meets monthly while the Advisory Boards (Middle and Upper) meet three times a year.
- ▶ The full slate of municipal appointees meets twice a year in so-called "Joint Advisory Board" meetings.
- ▶ Members of the public may attend any meeting of these Boards to observe the proceedings.
- ▶ The RVCA is committed to providing effective conservation services that respond to local needs in a cost-efficient manner.

