

# News Release

## WANTED: CANDIDATES FOR NEW ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

RIDEAU VALLEY, June 25, 2008 — Nominations are now being accepted for a new environmental award of excellence. On October 22, 2008 three Eastern Ontario conservation authorities will hold the first ever Tri-Valley Conservation Awards Gala to celebrate the achievements of environmental leaders in the Mississippi, Rideau and South Nation watersheds.

The “tri-valley area” covers more than 12,000 square kilometres — from Lanark to Westport to Prescott to Ottawa to Plantagenet. Over 700,000 people live and benefit from the voluntary environmental leadership of local businesses, communities, schools and individuals who work to sustain the health of our watersheds.

“The Tri-Valley Conservation Awards Gala allows our local conservation authorities and conservation foundations to publicly recognize and thank those who put time and effort into improving the health of the watersheds,” said Mary Bryden, Tri-Valley Gala Committee Chair. “These environmental leaders are a source of pride in our watersheds and are a real inspiration to others. We are delighted to honour them and showcase their work.”

Nominations are being accepted for seven different categories: Primary Schools (JK- grade 6), Intermediate/High School (grade 7-12), College/University, Agriculture, Community Groups/ Individuals, Businesses and Municipalities. Projects could include tree planting, water quality protection, shoreline stewardship, conservation education or any other activities that contribute to the health of our watersheds.

Nominations will be accepted until September 1, 2008 and winners will be announced at the Gala on October 22. This evening event will showcase the top two nominees from each of the seven categories. One winner will be announced, from a sealed envelope, for each of the seven categories. To learn more or to download a nomination form visit:

Mississippi Valley Conservation — [www.mvc.on.ca](http://www.mvc.on.ca)  
Rideau Valley Conservation — [www.rvca.ca](http://www.rvca.ca)  
South Nation Conservation — [www.nation.on.ca](http://www.nation.on.ca)

The Tri-valley Conservation Awards Gala

*Recognizing community environmental excellence in the Mississippi, Rideau and South Nation watersheds.*

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