

News Release

TRI-VALLEY AWARDS GALA MOVES WEST TO THE MISSISSIPPI WATERSHED

RIDEAU VALLEY, May 25, 2009 — Do you know a steward of the water, the land or the air, an environmental leader in your community, a school group or business that respects and cares for their environment? Nominate them today for a **Tri-Valley Conservation Award!**

The awards committee, a volunteer group representing the Mississippi, Rideau and South Nation watersheds, is now accepting nominations for these environmental awards of excellence. The eight categories are: Primary Schools (JK- grade 6), Intermediate/High School (grade 7-12), College/University, Agriculture, Community Groups, Individuals, Businesses and Municipalities.

Winners of the **Tri-Valley Conservation Awards** will be recognized at a gala evening at the historic Almonte Old Town Hall in Mississippi Mills on the banks of the beautiful Mississippi River.

The “tri-valley area” covers more than 12,000 square kilometres — from Perth to Bon Echo to Pakenham to Ottawa and 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.

“After the success of our inaugural year, we are excited to make the call for nominations for the second annual Tri-Valley Conservation Awards. It is inspiring to know that there are so many stewards of our watershed that we need to recognize and thank for their time and effort in improving the environmental health of our regions,” said Mary Bryden, Tri-Valley Gala Committee Chair. “These environmental leaders are a source of pride in our watersheds and we are delighted to honour them and showcase their work.”

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 11, 2009 and winners will be announced on Wednesday, October 21 at the Tri-Valley Conservation Awards Gala at the Almonte Old Town Hall in Mississippi Mills. This evening event will showcase the top two nominees from each of the eight categories. One winner will be announced, from a sealed envelope, for each of the categories.

To learn more or to download a nomination form visit:

- Mississippi Valley Conservation — www.mvc.on.ca
- Rideau Valley Conservation — www.rvca.ca
- South Nation Conservation — www.nation.on.ca

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*The Tri-valley Conservation Awards Gala
Recognizing community environmental excellence
in the Mississippi, Rideau and
South Nation watersheds.*



TRI-VALLEY CONSERVATION AWARDS
 PRIX D'EXCELLENCE EN CONSERVATION DES TROIS Vallées

GALA

2009 TRI-VALLEY CONSERVATION AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Candidate Information

Name	
Address	
	City
Province	Postal Code
Home Telephone	Office/Cell Phone
E-mail	

Select Category

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Schools (JK to grade 6) | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate/High School (Grade 7 – 12) | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipalities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College/University | <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals | |

Project Description:

In narrative form (maximum of three pages) describe the project. Include details such as project location, goals, objectives, participants, environmental benefits, community impact and details on innovative design, concept or delivery.

Project Documentation:

Please include any project photos (five mandatory), newspaper clippings, maps or other documentation on this work.

Nominator Information

Name	
Address	
	City
Province	Postal Code
Home Telephone	Office/Cell Phone
E-mail	

Nominations close on September 11, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Entries will be evaluated by a panel on the basis of the quality of work and impact on the environment and the community. Projects can concern water quality, agricultural practices, forestry or other land stewardship issues.

Gala representatives may contact nominators in person or via phone or email for further information about the work.

Applications received are the property of the Tri-Valley Conservation Gala Committee and will not be released back to the nominators.

The Gala Committee and the three sponsoring Conservation Authority//Foundations reserve the right to reproduce information and photos collected as part of the Nomination Form for publication for publicity and stewardship awareness purposes.

Signature of Nominator: _____

Thank you and good luck. Please mail, drop off, fax or email nominations to any CA office below:

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