

# News Release

## RVCA HONOURED WITH EDUCATION AWARD

RIDEAU VALLEY, June 29, 2010 — The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is proud to receive the “EMPLOYER AWARD” for 2010 from the St Mark Catholic High School Co-operative Education Program in Ottawa. The award is given to employers who have provided coop placements to Grade 11 and 12 students at St Mark.

RVCA has participated in the Cooperative Education Program at St Mark for the past 22 years. During that time, RVCA has had 44 high school students doing coop placements. Most of the students really enjoy the different work experiences and public service perspective offered by the Conservation Authority.

The Cooperative Education Program allows students to earn secondary school credits while completing a work placement in the community. Students benefit from contacts in the working world, develop essential office and technical skills, gain valuable work experience and habits, and experience authentic and purposeful learning outside the traditional classroom setting.

Mr Don Morris, Coop Supervisor at St Mark, says “RVCA is an important testing ground for students that have an interest in conservation as a possible career. They have been a loyal partner of our program since 1988 and we are very pleased to be associated with them.”

“Coop students generally arrive for a half-day of work, five days a week for either the fall or the winter semester. Besides the welcome smiles and infectious enthusiasm, the students achieve a great deal of work and help us keep the conservation business ticking over very nicely. Because of their training, some coop students have returned as summer staff and even full-time staff over the years”, said Rosalind Kee, the current Coop Student Coordinator at RVCA.

RVCA is proud to be part of the training for the next generation of young workers and pleased to be a member of the St Mark community of employers.

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