

## **Third Tri-Valley Conservation Awards moves to South Nation watershed**

EMC Events - The third edition of the Tri-Valley Conservation Awards Gala is still several months away on Oct. 20, but it's time to start thinking about likely nominees.

Deadline for applications is Sept. 8, at 4:30 p.m. Nominations are now being accepted in eight categories: Primary School (JK-Grade 6); Intermediate/High School (Grade 7-12); College/University; Agriculture; Community Groups; Individuals; Businesses; Municipalities. Forms can be downloaded at [www.mvc.on.ca](http://www.mvc.on.ca), [www.rvca.ca](http://www.rvca.ca), and [www.nation.on.ca](http://www.nation.on.ca).

Projects which nominees could be involved in include tree planting, water quality protection, shoreline stewardship, conservation education and advocacy, natural beautification and other activities contributing to the health of the watersheds. Partners in the awards are Mississippi Valley Conservation Foundation, Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation and South Nation Conservation.

The gala event celebrating awards winners will be held in the SNC watershed at the authority's new conference centre in Finch.

The tri-valley area covers more than 12,000 square km from Perth, to Bon Echo, to Pakenham, into Ottawa and east to Plantagenet, and south to Morrisburg. Close to one million people live in the combined watersheds.

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