

Submit nominations now for Tri-Valley Conservation Awards

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EMC News - Nominations are now being accepted for the fourth annual Tri-Valley Conservation Awards in the Mississippi Valley, Rideau Valley and South Nation watersheds.

These important community awards recognize and celebrate the voluntary work of ordinary people doing extraordinary things for our environment. Past winning projects have included tree plantings, water conservation, industrial innovation, municipal projects that protect water quality and many more.

Two major changes have been introduced for the 2011 awards. The dates of the nomination period and Awards Gala have been changed to better accommodate schools and universities. In addition, a new Lifetime Conservation Achievement Award has been added for each of the three conservation authorities.

"With each passing year these awards grow in popularity and importance within the conservation community" says South Nation Board Chair Lawrence LeVine. "We encourage our residents to nominate one of the many worthy groups or individuals in the South Nation Watershed. They deserve our recognition!"

The awards committee is now accepting nominations in the following categories:

- Primary Schools (JK-Grade 6)
- Intermediate/High School (grades 7-12)
- College/University
- Agriculture
- Community Groups
- Individuals/Family Groups
- Business
- Municipalities
- Lifetime Conservation Achievement in the Mississippi Valley (NEW)
- Lifetime Conservation Achievement in the Rideau Valley (NEW)
- Lifetime Conservation Achievement in the South Nation watershed (NEW)

Nomination forms are available online at www.nation.on.ca. You have the option of filling in and submitting the form online or downloading the form for submission by mail or fax.

Nominations will be accepted until 4:30 pm, Thursday, March 1, 2012. Winners will be announced and recognized at the Tri-Valley Conservation Awards Gala to be held at the Rideau Valley Conservation Centre in Manotick on the evening of April 18, 2012. This special evening of fun, food and the environment will showcase the top nominees in each category, and is open to the public.

The Tri-Valley area covers the watersheds of the Mississippi, Rideau and South Nation Rivers, which is home to more than 700,000 people.

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EMC News photo: 2011 winners were honoured at the 2011 Tri-Valley Conservation Awards Gala at the Rideau Valley Conservation Centre in Manotick.

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