

News Release

CONSERVATION AWARD WINNERS 2010

RIDEAU VALLEY, October 21, 2010 — In an informal and festive atmosphere, eleven of our fellow citizens and business people were recognized for their outstanding voluntary contributions to the environment at the 2010 Tri-Valley Conservation Awards Gala held at the South Nation Conservation Headquarters in lovely Finch, Ontario.

The finalists came together from towns and villages all across the 12,000 square kilometre area of the combined Mississippi, Rideau and South Nation river valleys. The winners' names will be inscribed on the permanent plaques on display in the three Conservation Authority offices in Lanark, Manotick and Finch respectively.

This year's winners included Cindy Saucier (Russell), Joe Slater (Crow Lake), Nature Works Learning (Almonte), Pratt and Whitney Canada (Ottawa), Nation Municipality (Casselman), Norm Tinkler (Inkerman), Christian Laflèche (St-Albert), Tagwi Secondary School (Avonmore), the National Defence Headquarters Fish & Game Club (Ottawa), the Grenville Land Stewardship Council (Prescott) and the Pleasant Corners Public School (Vankleek Hill). The environmental work of their winning projects included tree planting, outdoor education, conservation land management and shoreline stabilization.

Mr. Jason Kelly, Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation, said "It is a pleasure to shine a little light on the dedication and commitment of these fine people who quietly work away day after day to improve the communities in which we all live. The Conservation Foundations and the Conservation Authorities raise their hats to these community leaders with sincere thanks."

The Tri-Valley Conservation Awards is a program that recognizes voluntary efforts to improve the water environment of the three valleys. It is organized by the two Conservation Foundations (Mississippi Valley and Rideau Valley) and the three Conservation Authorities (Mississippi Valley, Rideau Valley and South Nation) in our area.

The 2010 edition of this popular awards program was sponsored by the good people at AECOM, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, Mountain Equipment Coop, Rogers TV and the Ottawa Regional Media Group.

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