

"The grants not only help to get projects done, but they also provide credibility and external recognition. This tells a group or a school they are heading in the right direction and it encourages them to do even more."

~ **Moritz Sanio**, on behalf of Trees for Guelph, previous grant recipient



Helping watershed heroes

Many people show their concern for the Grand River watershed by putting their own time and effort into projects that make it a healthier, more sustainable place.

The Grand River Conservation Authority and the Grand River Conservation Foundation have programs to support and recognize the work they do.

Watershed Awards

are presented each year to recognize the environmental work done by individuals, families, groups and businesses.

Community Conservation Grants

encourage action by providing grants to groups carrying out environmental projects and to elementary schools for schoolyard naturalization projects.

Community Conservation Grants

for community groups and schools

Each year, grants worth up to \$1,000 are given to qualified community groups (registered charities) for conservation projects in communities throughout the watershed.

In addition, elementary schools can apply for grants of up to \$750 for schoolyard naturalization projects.

In the past, many recipients have also applied for grants from other sources to help finance larger projects.

Previous recipients of Community Conservation grants have built river access points, carried out habitat restoration projects or built new trails.

Please note that the location of the projects and schools must be within the Grand River watershed. Preference will be given to organizations that have not previously received a grant.

Watershed Awards

For more than 35 years the GRCA has recognized individuals, families, organizations and businesses that have taken action to protect and enhance the natural environment of the Grand River watershed.

Winners in previous years were recognized for their work on stream and wetland naturalization projects, tree planting, environmental education, river cleanup and preservation of river-related historical sites.

Two classes of awards are presented:

Honour Roll Awards

recognize a sustained record of achievement over an extended period of time.

Watershed Awards

are presented for outstanding examples of conservation and environmental work.

Nominations can come from anyone in the watershed. The awards are presented at a special recognition event in the fall.

There are categories for a) individuals and families, b)groups and c) businesses.



Apply for a Grant or nominate someone today! Deadline for applications is May 31, 2013.

More information including a nomination form can be found in the **"Community Conservation Grants"** and **"Watershed Awards"** section of the GRCA website at **www.grandriver.ca**