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## Saskatchewan Sustainability Awards

The Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development in Saskatchewan congratulates 25 worthy projects that will be recognized at its 9th Recognition Awards.

Taking place on Wednesday, May 3 in Hafford, Saskatchewan, these awards will recognize the achievements of individuals, organizations and groups that are making our province more sustainable. The projects educate, encourage and engage others in local action that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The local host, the Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve, is one such example. The organization assists with regional planning and economic development with emphasis on sustainability. It was designated by UNESCO in 2000 as a biosphere reserve and is currently Saskatchewan's only site to hold the title.

The complete list of 2017 sustainability award recipients is:

- 25 Acts of Energy Conservation
- Aspen Innovation Park
- Building Energy Efficiency Awareness within SaskPower's Business & Industrial Sectors
- Certificate in Sustainability, Faculty of Arts, University of Regina
- Destination Conservation Saskatchewan
- Earth Connections Community Partnerships
- Hafford Central School, UNESCO Associated School
- Landfill Gas to Energy Facility
- Love Your Lakes Project
- My Daughter Can't Wait For Monday Morning: Child-driven Responsibility for Sustainable Education in Happy and Productive Classrooms - Bullying Sidelined' by Martin J. Sterling with Heather Sterling
- Northwood Farm
- Options for Reducing Wastewater Load in Small Saskatchewan Municipalities
- Outdoor Environmental Education Programming

- Prince Albert Model Forest Association Inc.
- Rafter Y Ranch
- Reclamation of Commercial Dishwasher Wastewater
- Rooftop Garden Urban Agriculture Demonstration
- SaskPower's In-store Energy Efficiency Education
- SK Sustainable Schools Green Map
- Solar Power Demonstration Project
- U of R Print Optimization Project 2.0
- University of Saskatchewan Students' Union Sustainability Committee
- University of Saskatchewan Undergraduate Environmental Degree Programs Initiative
- Using Drones for Shoreline Health Assessments
- Youth Leadership Forum in Regina

Added this year is a special award delivered to a project led by a K-12 teacher/educator/student for their outstanding contributions to Education for Sustainable Development in Saskatchewan called the *Lyle Benko Future Generations Award*. The award was created and named in memory of RCE Saskatchewan's former co-ordinator and founding member, Lyle Benko. The inaugural recipient is Martin Sterling for his book promoting sustainability in the classroom.

Project representatives will be recognized at a formal ceremony beginning at 9:30 am in the Hafford Communiplex. Lunch for all guests follows. During the afternoon, participants will be bussed to two local sustainability initiatives. The first stop is Aspen Innovation Park where a former hog barn has been renovated into a recycling facility and steps are underway for re-use of the other structures. The next stop is to the Research & Education Centre at Redberry Lake where guests will learn about the designated Important Bird Area, conservation, environmental quality, and the various studies underway in the region.

Those interested in attending should rsvp to [rcesk.event@gmail.com](mailto:rcesk.event@gmail.com). Attending the awards ceremony is free of charge while joining us for the entire day, including lunch, is only \$25.

Event information is available on-line at [www.rceskrecognitionevent.com](http://www.rceskrecognitionevent.com)

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