

Outstanding Achievement in Property Rehabilitation Award

The Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association's Outstanding Achievement in Property Rehabilitation Award is designed to recognize outstanding achievements in rehabilitation over and above what is required by provincial legislation. New research and design into rehabilitation techniques demonstrates that rehabilitated pits and quarries can be successfully transformed into a variety of land uses that were previously considered "difficult". For instance, above average crop yields (based on township averages) are common in rehabilitated aggregate sites, and former quarries can be rehabilitated to create biologically diverse and ecologically healthy wetlands.

The Award submission, in addition to review by the OSSGA Awards Review Panel, will be circulated to two outside experts that will assess the site and determine its success relative to other lands in the region that are being used for similar purposes.

For example, if the site has been rehabilitated to agriculture, an expert from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs, and a local farm representative may be asked to review the Award submission and provide comments.

The Award's criteria are organized within six sections:

1. Format
2. Background
3. Objectives
4. Photographs
5. Site Plan
6. Rehabilitation

The Award submission must illustrate that all of the listed criteria have been met in order for the applicant to receive the Award.

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1. FORMAT	
1) One colour paper copy of the award submission, stapled at the top left corner, and a compact disk containing an electronic copy of the award submission, in PDF format, including high resolution digital photographs, in JPEG format (minimum 600 x 800 dpi).	
2) Title page listing the: award being applied for; company name; site name; lot and concession; municipal address of the site; name of site/plant manager; and name/contact information of the person coordinating the submission (including phone number and email address).	
2. BACKGROUND	
1) A Brief description of the site, including the history of the site.	
2) Identification of previous OSSGA Award(s) and year(s) of the Award(s) received for the site.	
3. OBJECTIVES	
1) A brief paragraph stating the objectives of the rehabilitation plan (i.e., agriculture, naturalization, side slopes, compliance, shoreline creation, etc.).	
4. PHOTOGRAPHS	
1) Photographs of the final rehabilitation (preferably before and after) including a caption describing the image. Pictures taken in the summer (vs. the fall or winter), capturing vegetation in full bloom are preferable.	
5. SITE PLAN	
1) A copy of the final rehabilitation page of the site plan(s). If there is a discrepancy between the site plan and the property, additional information (i.e., approval of the change) is required.	
6. REHABILITATION	
1) Details of the rehabilitation, (i.e., size of rehabilitated area; seeding, planting (species/density), fertilizing ratios; equipment used, time frames; cut and fill side slopes; amount of overburden used; cliff face design; pond edge details; topsoil thickness and volume; use of stumps/logs; use of deep ripping; etc.).	
2) Specific details of the rehabilitated property that demonstrate that the property exemplifies outstanding achievement with respect to rehabilitation (i.e., “measurable” indicators of success such as yield improvement, increased biodiversity, etc.)	
<p>Note: - OSSGA requires early notification (by September 1st) that you intend to apply for the award, so that we may assist in arranging for experts to visit the site in the fall.</p>	