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Background

On September 22, 2009, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Ontario, Canada was announced as the Thiess International Riverprize winner in Brisbane, Australia. The LSRCA has created a basin wide Integrated Watershed Management Plan to protect and restore Lake Simcoe and its watershed.



Showcasing the Riverprize award

Since winning this prestigious award, the LSRCA developed two quarterly reports which outlined several initiatives taken to profile the International Riverprize.

The award gives us international recognition, and our integrated watershed management program has been a long journey. But our work will not be finished until we have restored all of the damage done by 200 years of neglect and abuse... until we have changed the behaviours that caused the damage... and until protection and restoration become part of everyone's daily lifestyle choices.

Excerpt from Virginia Hackson's acceptance speech in Brisbane, Australia, September 22, 2009

Twinning initiative

In November of 2009, the Authority commenced work on selecting a twinning partner. By mentoring this twinning organization, we would share best practice knowledge to help them restore their watershed. The Board of Directors approved the following high level criteria for reviewing potential twinning partners:

- compatibility
- safety
- return on investment.

Sub-components of these criteria were outlined in the December 2009 Quarterly Report and approved by the International Riverprize Foundation.

On March 9, 2010, the LSRCA Twinning Committee decided to focus on three projects for detailed evaluation:

- Guatemala Pocomchi Project
- Mexico Verde/Apatlaco Rivers
- Mexico – Ayuquila River.

In July the LSRCA received approval from the International Riverprize Foundation for work on the following two projects:

- 1. Guatemala Pocomchi Project; and**
- 2. Mexico – Ayuquila River.**

The twinning committee is currently working on preparation of the Business Plan for the Twinning Partners for approval by the International Riverprize Foundation.

The twinning committee is pleased to announce its newest member ...

*Renee Jarrett, General Manager,
Communications and Education*

Gayle Wood, Chief Administrative Officer, will be making a presentation on the Twinning initiative to the 13th International Riversymposium in Perth in October 2010