

**REGINA, June 10, 2008**  
**News Release**

## **City Announces Watershed Stewardship Award Winner**

The City of Regina, in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority, today announced Ducks Unlimited Canada as the recipient of the 2007 Watershed Stewardship Award. The \$1,000 award was presented to the organization for the project, McKell Wascana Conservation Park.

The goal of the project, which began in 2004, is to conserve some of the last existing native grassland within Regina, while promoting and educating both urban and rural residents about nature, habitat stewardship and the importance of wetlands and wetland ecosystems.

The park is located in the southeast part of the city, along the Wascana Creek between Highway 33 to the east and Fleet Street to the west in the Wascana Estates subdivision. It includes 75 acres of natural habitat within the city and 96 acres adjacent to city limits. Much of the land was donated to the project by Bob McKell, whose family has farmed in the area since the 1880s.

The project is ongoing, but when complete, the area will act as a conservation showcase for Regina and area residents to enjoy. It will also function as an "outdoor classroom" for the Ducks Unlimited Canada's wetland education program. Home to white-tailed deer, leopard frogs, garter snakes, fish and a variety of bird species, the McKell Wascana Conservation Park is an ideal site for youth programming. In the future, the site will include an education plaza and interpretive trails.

The City of Regina also announced that nominations are now open for the 2008 Watershed Stewardship Award. The award recognizes an individual or group for efforts taken to protect source waters of Wascana Marsh and Wascana Lake and to enhance water quality upstream of Regina.

To be eligible for the Watershed Stewardship Award, the project must:

- be located in the Wascana Creek Watershed, upstream of the eastern city limit;
- directly benefit the area up to and including Wascana Lake;
- set an example or take a leadership role;
- be innovative and visionary.

Nominations will be accepted until 4:45 p.m. on November 3, 2008. For more information on the Watershed Stewardship Award or to download an application form, visit [www.regina.ca](http://www.regina.ca) or [www.swa.ca](http://www.swa.ca) or call Service Regina at 777-7000.

-30-

Media contact only:

Peter Hagar  
Senior Engineer, Environmental Engineering  
City of Regina  
777-7469

Regan Brady  
Communications Consultant  
City of Regina  
777-7986

Sharon Rodenbush  
Saskatchewan Watershed Authority  
787-0913



**Saskatchewan  
Watershed  
Authority**