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## **Harrop-Procter Watershed Protection Society Wins Canadian Environment Award**

**SPRUCE MEADOWS, CALGARY, June 2, 2004** - The Canadian Environment Awards announced the gold and silver award recipients in its **Community Awards** program. The **Harrop-Procter Watershed Protection Society** was the gold award (first place) winner in the sustainable living category for its ecosystem-based approach to community forestry.

Spruce Meadows, in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, was the site of a gala awards dinner on May 31 to recognize the finalists in the third annual **Canadian Environment Awards**. This national program celebrates the commitment of Canadians who are acting locally to help protect, preserve and restore the country's environment. The centrepiece of the **Canadian Environment Awards** is the **Community Awards**, which honours individuals and groups of Canadians who have been chosen by a panel of environmental experts from more than 140 nominations submitted by the Canadian public.

The Honourable David Anderson, Minister of the Environment, and Linda Z. Cook, president and CEO of Shell Canada Limited, presented each gold recipient with a cheque for \$5,000, which the winners will donate to the environmental cause of their choice. All silver and gold award recipients were recognized with a plaque from Canada Post that features a recent stamp series commemorating the wildlife art of John James Audubon.

Inspired by the community-action objectives of Canada's Environment Week, which will be celebrated until June 6, the **Canadian Environment Awards** comprises three environmental programs - **Community Awards**, **Citation of Lifetime Achievement** and **The Green Team Challenge**. The Canadian Environment Awards is a partnership between the Government of Canada and Canadian Geographic Enterprises, which is the managing partner and publisher of the digest-sized awards magazine. The **Canadian Environment Awards 2004** is supported by 14 Canadian corporations.

Photographs of the **Canadian Environment Awards 2004** gala and biographies of each of this year's finalists are available at [www.canadiangeographic.ca/cea2004](http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/cea2004)

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