

## BRONZE PLAQUE AWARD

*The Bronze Plaque Award was established in 1975 as the most prestigious industry award presented by the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (formerly the Aggregate Producer's Association of Ontario). It is reserved for sites that have become truly outstanding examples of the state-of-the-art in pit or quarry rehabilitation.*



*The first ever Bronze Plaque Award winner, the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton, Ontario (1976), is a rehabilitated pit on the Niagara Escarpment.*

## RECREATIONAL BRONZE PLAQUE WINNERS

*Our late Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Pierre Elliot Trudeau, enjoys a dip at the St. Mary's Swimming Quarry, a Bronze Plaque Award (1983) winning site in St. Mary's, Ontario.*



*A popular water sports facility, Professor's Lake, Brampton, is a rehabilitated pit and a recipient of the Bronze Plaque Award (1989).*

Pits and quarries can be rehabilitated to a variety of recreational after uses. OSSGA Bronze Plaque Award winning sites include:

- *St. Mary's Swimming Quarry*
- *Hagersville Ball Park*
- *Professor's Lake, Brampton*
- *Wasaga Sands Golf Community*
- *McIntyre Creek Estates, Wasaga Beach*
- *Lakeland Estates, Ottawa*
- *Smythe Park, Toronto*

These sites combine residential and recreational uses. Smythe Park, for example, was once a gravel pit and now features a marshy environment for wild-life habitat, and facilities for swimming, baseball, and tennis.





## FROM PITS TO PLAYGROUNDS



*Hagersville Ball Park in Hagersville, Ontario, is a Bronze Plaque winner (1994). This recreational facility is a good example of a rehabilitated site adjacent to a working site where aggregate extraction continues. A working pit is in the background of this site.*



*The Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association's Bronze Plaque award*

Bronze Plaque Award winning sites demonstrate:

- *Rehabilitation compatible with the surrounding landscape*
- *Outstanding site design and rehabilitation, and*
- *Outstanding ongoing site management*



*The Bronze Plaque (1987) is unveiled at Lakeland Estates, a recreational and residential development, following aggregate extraction in the Ottawa area.*

...GOLF COURSES



*Fore! Lining up for a shot at East Park Gardens, a rehabilitated pit and Bronze Plaque Award winner (1977), in London, Ontario.*

Golf courses are a popular after use for pits and quarries. Examples of Bronze Plaque Award Winning golf courses include:

- *East Park Gardens, London*
- *Oaks Golf Course, London*
- *Orchard View Golf Course, Leamington*
- *Peninsula Lakes Golf Club, Fonthill*
- *Wasaga Sands, Wasaga Beach*

Careful design and soil resources management are required to create a quality golf course from a pit or quarry.

*This aerial photograph shows the beginnings of the development of the Peninsula Lakes Golf Club, a Bronze Plaque (1986) site in Fonthill, Ontario. Extraction continues to the south.*





## VALUABLE COMMUNITY RESOURCES....

Bronze Plaque Award winning sites such as the *Royal Botanical Gardens* in Hamilton, *Erindale College (University of Toronto)* in Mississauga, the *University of Guelph Arboretum* in Guelph, and the *Don Valley Brick Works Park* in Toronto are all excellent educational resources to their host communities.

These rehabilitated pits and quarries provide opportunities for wildlife habitat, passive recreation, geological interpretation, botanical research and showcase important cultural heritage features.



*A rehabilitated pit in the University of Guelph Arboretum provides research opportunities for students (Bronze Plaque, 1996).*



*The Don Valley Brick Works Park received a Bronze Plaque in 2000 to commemorate the origins of this site as a quarry and its transformation into an outstanding natural environment and cultural heritage park for the citizens of the Greater Toronto Region. The quarry face in the background is considered an internationally significant geologic site by geologists around the world.*



*Extraction at the future site of Erindale College (U of T) in Mississauga (Circa: 1955).*



*Erindale College today is a buzzing community campus (Bronze Plaque, 1980).*

## BRONZE PLAQUE AWARD WINNING SITES

| NAME OF SITE   | SITE USE   | YEAR |
|--|--|------|
| Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton                                      | Botanical Gardens                                  | 1976 |
| East Park Gardens, London  | Golf Course  | 1977 |
| Smythe Park, Toronto   | Recreation   | 1977 |
| Erindale College, University of Toronto, Mississauga                   | Education/Recreation                               | 1980 |
| St. Mary's Swimming Quarry, St. Mary's                                 | Swimming   | 1983 |
| Orchard View Golf Course, Leamington                                   | Golf Course  | 1984 |
| Peninsula Lakes Golf Club, Fonthill                                    | Golf Course  | 1986 |
| Lakeland Estates, Ottawa   | Recreation/Residential                             | 1987 |
| Professor's Lake, Brampton   | Water Sports/Residential                           | 1989 |
| Hagersville Ball Park, Hagersville                                     | Baseball Park                                      | 1994 |
| Oaks Golf Course, London   | Golf Course  | 1995 |
| University of Guelph Arboretum, Guelph                                 | Education/Research                                 | 1996 |
| Wasaga Sands Golf Community &<br>MacIntyre Creek Estates, Wasaga Beach | Recreation/Residential                             | 1998 |
| Don Valley Brick Works Park, Toronto                                   | Natural Environment/Cultural Heritage/Interpretive | 2000 |
| Glen Major Management Tract, Uxbridge                                  | Natural Environment/Recreation                     | 2003 |
| Wainfleet Wetlands Conservation Area, Niagara                          | Natural Environment/Education/Recreation           | 2004 |
| Kerncliff Park, Burlington   | Recreation   | 2005 |
| Green Lane Sports Complex, East Paris                                  | Sports Park  | 2008 |
| The Brampton Esker Park System, Brampton                               | Recreation/Residential                             | 2010 |

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