

Environmentalists

honor a fighter

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Peter Orphanos has been awarded an achievement certificate by the Ontario Federation of Naturalists for his "tenacity and leadership" to protect the Credit River valley.

Orphanos has led the fight against McCarthy Milling and Reid Milling to limit their future expansion onto the floodplain of the Credit River. Orphanos was among citizens who successfully appealed a committee of adjustment decision allowing McCarthy Milling to expand in the floodplain.

The Streetsville Residents' Association representative also has fought a long battle with Reid Milling over noise levels.

Residents lost a recent round with Reid, however, when the Ontario Cabinet rejected their appeal of another OMB decision which upheld Reid's right to expand for some distance around their existing mill.

In accepting his award, Orphanos, an elementary school teacher, said he has challenged both Reid and McCarthy to become "good corporate citizens" by abandoning further floodplain development.