

LARC 3060 – BLA Landscape Architecture Rehabilitation Studio – Fall 2019

Calendar Description: Application of the landscape architectural design process to conservation, development and rehabilitation of landscapes. Projects at an intermediate scale focusing on biophysical, cultural and visual resources as primary design determinants. Emphasis on secondary research, analysis, program development, alternative concepts and design master planning.

Assignment

Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Student Design Competition

The Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (OSSGA) Student Design Competition provides the framework for this assignment. This competition is sponsored by The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation (TOARC) and administered by OSSGA. Students work in groups of 3, generating 3 panels per group for the competition.

The Student Design Competition is held every year. The competition challenges Ontario university and college students to apply their design skills to an Ontario aggregate extraction site to create a rehabilitation design that maximizes the opportunities that the site will offer. The Student Design Competition recognizes the most innovative and impressive designs for the rehabilitation of a former pit or quarry. This year, students were challenged to create site plans for CBM Aggregates' Ayr Pit in the Township of North Dumfries, ON.

Winners are awarded monetary prizes and winning entries are displayed at OSSGA's Annual Conference. For the 2019 competition, University of Guelph BLA students won 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes along with an honourable mention.

Objectives of the assignment:

- To explore the role of the landscape architect in conserving, developing and rehabilitating post-industrial landscapes;
- To explore theory and applications of principles related to sustainable design, community and regional identity, and ecological rehabilitation;
- To refine skills in the application of the design process (inventory, analysis, program and concept development);
- To further develop design communication and presentation skills.