



Soil & Water Conservation Society
Virginia Chapter

Conservationist of the Year Award

Conservationist of the Year Award is for exceptional service in advancing the science and art of good land and water use. Service may be in practicing, investigating, administering, or teaching soil and water conservation or closely related fields.

(for members and non-members)

Name of person submitting nomination: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Name of Nominated Individual/Group: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

In 250 words or less, describe why the person/group is deserving of this award.

Deadline for Nomination Forms: COB on August 29, 2008

Send information back to: Kilby D. Majette

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Commendation Award Nomination Form

The Commendation Award gives international recognition to Society members for service to their chapter or council of chapters.

(for members)

Completing the following questionnaire will further help ensure that the nominee is eligible for this category and will serve as the award nomination. Supporting material should be attached to this form.

Contact Information:

Person or group submitting nomination: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Name of nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Title/position: _____

Email: _____

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Questions:

1. Is the nominee a current member of the Society?

Yes

No (If no, the nominee is NOT eligible for this award)

2. Is the nominee a Fellow? The designation of Fellow is conferred on Society members who have performed exceptional service in advocating the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources. This award is given for professional excellence, first and foremost. Professional achievement may be in practicing, investigating, administering, or teaching soil and water conservation or closely related fields.

Yes (If yes, was this honor received within the past 5 years?)

Yes (If yes, the nominee is NOT eligible for this award.)

No

3. Has the nominee performed distinguished service to the Society for at least 10 years?

Yes (If yes, please describe to adequately substantiate the nomination.)

No (If no, the nominee is NOT eligible for this award)

4. Briefly explain how the nominee's service(s) relates to the SWCS's mission (A multidisciplinary Society that advocates the protection, enhancement and wise use of soil, water and related natural resources. Through education and example, we promote an ethic that recognizes the interdependence of people and the environment.).

5. Explain how the nominee's service is exceptionally instrumental in the development and/or implementation of the chapter's or council of chapter's activities.

6. How much time and/or effort was required?

Is this an exceptional amount for a person in this position?

Yes

No

7. During what period of time was the nominee's service to the chapter provided?

Supporting Material:

Attach additional pages as needed to complete your responses to the above questions. Summarize information about the nominee's education, biographical and employment history, honors, and other information which relates to and supports the nomination.

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Ecological Excellence Award for Construction
(for members and non-members)

Ecological Excellence Award for Construction will be given to an individual contractor or construction company for excellence in the construction of an ecological restoration project, unique soil and water conservation stabilization project, or innovative habitat development or enhancement project.

Criteria are as follows:

- a. The project must be completed and functioning.
- b. The project must be in Virginia.
- c. Nominees may include firms from outside of Virginia

Name of person submitting nomination: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Nominated Individual/Group: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Project Name: _____

Project Location: _____

Date of Project Completion: _____

Type of Project: _____

Unique Techniques or Innovative Measures: _____

In 500 words or less, describe why the person or group is deserving of this award.
You may include sample article, copy of magazine, photos, slides or other supporting documentation.

NOTE: Acceptable projects includes: ecological restoration projects such as wetland, riparian or upland restoration or enhancement, reforestation or similar projects; unique soil and water conservation or stabilization projects; and unique fish or wildlife habitat development or enhancement projects.

Evaluation criteria includes: use of new or innovative techniques, use of native plant materials, educational value to the public and the ecological restoration community, and opportunity for this technology to be used elsewhere.

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Ecological Excellence Award for Design
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Ecological Excellence Award for Design will be given to a landscape architect, engineering design, or environmental consulting firm for excellence in the design of an ecological restoration project, unique soil and water conservation stabilization project, or innovative habitat development or enhancement project. The use of native plants should be stressed in the design as well as innovative techniques to achieve ecological functions.

Criteria are as follows:

- a. The project must be completed and functioning.
- b. The project must be in Virginia.
- c. Nominees may include firms from outside of Virginia

Name of person submitting nomination: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Principal Designer(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Project Name: _____

Date of Project Completion: _____

Project Location: _____

Type of Project: _____

Unique Techniques or Innovative Measures: _____

In 500 words or less, describe why the person or group is deserving of this award. You may include sample article, copy of magazine or other supporting documentation

NOTE: Acceptable projects includes: ecological restoration projects such as wetland, riparian or upland restoration or enhancement, reforestation or similar projects; unique soil and water conservation or stabilization projects; and unique fish or wildlife habitat development or enhancement projects.

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Honor Award Nomination Form

The Honor Award recognizes people, usually nonmembers of the Society or lay members of the Society, for outstanding accomplishments compatible with the mission of the Society.

(for members and non-members)

Completing the following questionnaire will further help ensure that the nominee is eligible for this category and will serve as the award nomination. Supporting material should be attached to this form.

Contact Information:

Person or group submitting nomination: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Name of nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Title/position: _____

Email: _____

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Questions:

1. Please describe the extent to which the nominee's professional achievements have been recognized:

- Only statewide/province-wide (**STOP**, the nominee is NOT eligible for this award because the professional achievements are not widely recognized over a large enough area.)
- Multi-state/multi-province
- Nationwide
- International

2. Are the nominee's accomplishments outside of their normal working duties (i.e. voluntary in nature)?

- Yes
- No (If no, the nominee is NOT eligible for this award.)

3. Describe the nominee's accomplishments, which are compatible with the mission of the SWCS (A multidisciplinary Society that advocates the protection, enhancement and wise use of soil, water and related natural resources. Through education and example, we promote an ethic that recognizes the interdependence of people and the environment.)

4. Briefly explain how the nominee's accomplishments relate to the SWCS's mission (A multidisciplinary Society that advocates the protection, enhancement and wise use of soil, water and related natural resources. Through education and example, we promote an ethic that recognizes the interdependence of people and the environment.)?

Supporting Material:

Attach additional pages as needed to complete your responses to the above questions. Summarize information about the nominee's education, biographical and employment history, honors, and other information, which relates to and supports the nomination.

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Merit Award Nomination Form

The Merit Award is given in recognition of an outstanding activity, product, or service by a group, business firm, corporation, or organization that promotes the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources.

(for members and non-members)

Completing the following questionnaire will further help ensure that the nominee is eligible for this category and will serve as the award nomination. Supporting material should be attached to this form.

Contact Information:

Person or group submitting nomination: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Name of nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Title/position: _____

Email: _____

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Questions:

1. Please check the description that best describes the nominee for this award:

- Citizen Group
- Business
- Association
- Government Agency
- Publication

2. Is the activity, product, or service for which the nominee is nominated in keeping with the VA Chapter SWCS mission (A multidisciplinary Society that advocates the protection, enhancement and wise use of soil, water and related natural resources. Through education and example, we promote an ethic that recognizes the interdependence of people and the environment.)?

- Yes
- No (If not, the nominee is NOT eligible for this award.)

3. Please check the description below that best describes the nature of the activity, product, or service:

- The result of an organized program
- The result of an individual's actions (**STOP**, such an activity, product, or is NOT eligible for this award.)

4. Please check the description that best describes the geographic area affected by the activity, product, or service.

- One county (**STOP**, the activity, product, or service does not affect a large enough area to be eligible for this award.)
- Less than 25% of the state/province area (**STOP**, the activity, product, or service does not affect a large enough area to be eligible for this award.)
- 25-50% of the state/province
- 50-75% of the state/province
- Statewide/province wide
- Multi-state/multi-province
- Nationwide
- International

5. Please check the description that best describes the audience that was principally affected by the activity, product, or service:

- Professional conservationist (An activity, product, or service that principally affects professional conservationists is NOT eligible for this award.)
- Others (Not professional conservationists)

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6. Did the activity, product, or service in some way bring discredit to similar or competing organizations?

Yes (If yes, the activity, product, or service is NOT eligible for this award)

No

7. Describe the activity, product, or service in enough detail to adequately support this nomination.

8. Briefly explain how the activity, product, or service relates to the SWCS's mission - A multidisciplinary Society that advocates the protection, enhancement and wise use of soil, water and related natural resources. Through education and example, we promote an ethic that recognizes the interdependence of people and the environment.

Supporting Material:

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Outstanding Service Award Nomination Form

The Outstanding Service Award is given to Society members in recognition of distinguished service in helping the Society to develop and carry out its program over a long and sustained period of time. Accomplishments of the nominee should not be of a scope or significance warranting the degree of Fellow, but should be greater than those required for the Commendation Award. (for members)

Completing the following questionnaire will further help ensure that the nominee is eligible for this category and will serve as the award nomination. Supporting material should be attached to this form.

Contact Information:

Person or group submitting nomination: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Name of nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Title/position: _____

Email: _____

Questions:

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2. Is the nominee a Fellow (The designation of Fellow is conferred on Society members who have performed exceptional service in advocating the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources. This award is given for professional excellence, first and foremost. Professional achievement may be in practicing, investigating, administering, or teaching soil and water conservation or closely related fields.)?

Yes (If yes, was this honor received within the past 5 years?)

Yes (If yes, the nominee is NOT eligible for this award.)

No

3. Has the nominee performed distinguished service to the Society for at least 10 years?

Yes (If yes, please describe to adequately substantiate the nomination.)

No (If no, the nominee is NOT eligible for this award)

4. Describe the nominee's service to the Virginia Chapter.

5. Briefly explain how the nominee's service(s) relates to the SWCS's mission.

Supporting Material:

Attach additional pages as needed to complete your responses to the above questions.

Summarize information about the nominee's education, biographical and employment history, honors, and other information, which relates to and supports the nomination.

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June Sekoll Media Award

June Sekoll Media Award is for an individual or group that writes or produces materials for radio, television, newspapers, magazines, or organizational publications, which significantly increase public understanding and promote wise use of Virginia's natural resources.

(for members and non-members)

Name of person submitting nomination: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Name of Nominated Individual/Group: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

In 250 words or less, describe why the person or group is deserving of this award.
You may include sample article, copy of magazine or other supporting documentation.

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