



Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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2025 CONSERVATION LEGACY AWARD

Purpose

To recognize an individual who through their personal dedication, commitment, and selfless service has made direct and lasting contributions to Wisconsin Land+Water, Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Departments, and most importantly, the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Eligibility

Nominees can be any current or former Land Conservation Department (LCD) or Land Conservation Committee (LCC) member that through their personal efforts, time, and talents, have made a direct and lasting contribution that benefits all LCDs and Wisconsin citizens. These contributions must be directly related to the legislative, technical, educational, administrative, and/or local community needs of the LCDs and must show a lasting impact that directly affects locally led conservation at the county and state level. This individual must have at least 20 years of experience working at the local level as either a current or former LCD employee, LCC member, association member, or combination thereof.

Guidelines

The nominee's efforts to demonstrate a commitment and lasting impact to conservation shall be important factors in judging this award. Nominations should consist of a brief description (500 words or less) of the nominee's efforts to demonstrate the following:

- Specific ways that their actions, leadership, and or personal motivation directly impacted their local community, LCD, and other LCD offices.
- Outstanding and lasting contributions to better public understanding of natural resource conservation and the goals of the LCD.
- Providing direct personal assistance to a land conservation department or locally led conservation program whether it be administrative, educational, technical, or legislative in nature. This assistance must show efforts above and beyond normal operations with the end result of that action benefiting all LCDs.
- Exceptional service in furthering the cause of the LCD at a statewide or national level, thereby strengthening LCDs and their conservation programs and partnerships at the local level.
- Other special attributes or characteristics.
- Letters of recommendation from cooperating agencies considered.

Procedure

PLEASE SUBMIT ENTRY AS A SINGLE PDF DOCUMENT. Entries should be submitted by December 31, 2024 to WI Land+Water, 121 S. Pinckney St., Suite 420, Madison, WI 53703 or email to chris@wisconsinlandwater.org. The WI Land+Water Professional Improvement Committee will review submittals and select the winner(s) by January 17, 2025. Recognition of the State Award will be provided at the annual WI Land+Water Conference held March 5-7, 2025. The sponsoring county is responsible for travel and lodging expenses for the State Award Recipient; awards dinner banquet meal for the winner and one guest (if applicable) will be provided by WI Land+Water (two maximum).

If deemed appropriate, state winners will be considered to be forwarded on nationally for consideration of the National Association of Conservation Districts' Friend of Conservation Award.

WISCONSIN LAND+WATER CONSERVATION LEGACY AWARD NOMINATION INFORMATION

- 1) Please provide the following information:
 - Name, address, and contact information (phone and email address, if available) of the nominee.
 - Title and years of service of nominee.
 - Name, address and contact information of the nominator.
- 2) Summarize your entry in five sentences or less.
- 3) Tell us in 500 words or less how the nominee meets the award criteria and guidelines.