



Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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2025 OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Purpose

To recognize a Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD) employee who has made significant contributions to land and water conservation in their county and possibly beyond. There are three categories in which you can nominate an individual you believe is deserving of special recognition: 1) County Conservationist/Administrator/Supervisor; 2) Technician/Planner/Project Manager/GIS Specialist/Agronomist; and 3) Administrative Assistant/Clerical.

Eligibility

Nominees can be any individual who is an employee of a county LWCD.

Guidelines

Leadership, effectiveness and the nominee's efforts to demonstrate a commitment 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:

- Ways in which he/she performs normal duties with exceptional quality.
- Outstanding contributions to better public understanding of natural resource conservation and the goals of the LWCD.
- Providing outstanding personal assistance to the LWCD.
- Exceptional service in furthering the cause of the LWCD, strengthening conservation partnerships and assistance the programs of the LWCD.
- Ways in which he/she contributes to the association, such as serving on a WI Land+Water committee, presenting at the annual conference, and/or other examples of support for conservation professionals.
- 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 before 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' Distinguished Service Award.

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NOMINATION INFORMATION**

1) Please provide the following information:

- Name, address, and contact information (phone and email address, if available) of the nominee.
- Award category, county department name, title, and years of service of nominee.
- Education and background, past and present career responsibilities, level of professional knowledge and ability.
- 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.