

RRC Award Recipients

Protector Awards

This award is given for significant contributions to the mission of the organization: improve and protect the economic, environmental, cultural and recreational resources of the basin. If no award is listed for a year, then no acceptable nominations were received.

Individual Category

2005

Pete Jopke: Dane County LWCD, Citizen monitoring coordinator
Neighbors Standing United: guardian Pipeline

2007

Gloria Hafemeister: reporter, member Planning the Rock

2009

Janice Redford: Friends of Cam-Rock Park, first RRC monitor

2011

Joe Nehmer, Jefferson County Parks: Glacial Heritage Area work
Lynne Diebel and Caroline Werner for their work with the Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed

2013

Greg Farnham, for Rock River Trail and Lake Sinissippi work

2015

Rick Eilertson Environmental Engineer for the City of Fitchburg. Sustainability, Water Star and Legacy Communities work (Green Tier)

Business Category

2005

LanDesign by Margaret Burlingham: support of rain gardens , park planning and shoreline restorations
Madison Gas & Electric: Madison co-gen plant

2007

Veridian Homes: first Green Tier builder

2013

Berres Brothers Coffee Roasters: Green Tier and Green Travel accomplishments

Organization Category

2005

Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Watershed Management
Middleton Department of Public Lands: shoreline and stormwater projects

2007

Madison Audubon Society: Zeloski marsh restoration

2009

Friends of Allen Creek Watershed: quality research, extensive monitoring and BioBlitz
Lake Sinissippi Improvement District: For watershed based work to improve the lake as well as pioneering of geotubes (no 'P' fertilizer coupons and rain garden workshop with subsidized plants)

2015

The City of Beloit salt reduction strategies for municipalities and removal of flood prone buildings.
The Rock River Trail Initiative nationally recognized water trail with key supporters in every municipality that borders the river in two states. The trail also includes driving and biking options.

Educator Category

2005

Steve Grabow, UWEX Jefferson County
David Neuendorf, UWEX Dodge County

2009

Mary Beth Steven, Cambridge Elementary School teacher, 13 years of monitoring Koshkonong Creek with her students.

2013

Joseph Hardgrove, University Lake School for Oconomowoc River monitoring, studies and clean-up
Jim Lorman, Edgewood College, Sustainability and Dane County Lakes and Watershed work.

2015

Linda Reid, Director of the Institute for Water Business (IWB) \, UW-Whitewater Water Business Program,

Elected Official

2005

Senator Neal Kedzie, Elkhorn. Groundwater legislation

2007

Jefferson County Board Supervisor Greg David, Natural Step and sustainability
Paul Moderacki, Johnson Creek – The Natural Step, GFLOW and stormwater support

2009

Senator Mark Miller: Restriction on excessive use of P fertilizer and Great Lakes Compact

2011

John Molinaro, Jefferson County Board Chair, efforts to establish the Glacial Heritage Area
Kathleen Falk, Dane county Executive for continuous support of the natural environment in Dane County

2013

Bob Miller, City of Monona Mayor, Year of Water, Water Star, Green Tier Legacy Community, Water Conservation Challenge and Lake Monona Water Walk

2015

Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive. commitment to the environment through investments and resources provided to protect the waterways of the county

Friends Awards

This award is for significant contributions to the organization itself. Awardees would include anyone who has provided resources, time or talents to the organization such as: past board members, individuals, agencies, RRC members or issue team members, organizations or businesses. Many were given in 2005 as awards hadn't been presented for several years.

2005

Cindy Arbiture,
Bill Ehlenbeck,
Steve Grabow,
Tom Presny
Dave O'Malley
Lisa Reas,
Susan Priebe,
Ruth Johnson,
Jim Congdon
Ken Johnson.

2011

Marie Rubietta
Ken Genskow, UWEX Basin Initiative
Ken Wiesner
Beth Gehred

2013

Lisa Conley
Nic Tippery
Brad Webb
Kris Stepenuck

2007

Warren Topel,
Margaret Burlingham,
Ellen Rulseh
Mayor John David

2015

Jim Koepke
Joleen Stinson
Scott Taylor
Rock River TMDL Group

2009

Joe Dorava
Bryan Huberty
Roger Kist
Nolan Kollath
Tim Reel
Marsha Vomastic

Previous Awards

(possibly missing some from 2000-2001)

1999

Glen McCarty (RRWP – Waupun)
Mike Hoppenrath (past RRC board member)
Phil Sadowski (Mayville Schools camp environmental coordinator – retired)
Dr Suzanne Hotter (Watertown School Superintendent)
John Deere Corporation Nicole Fredrickson (Environmental Coordinator) accepting
David Liebl (UWEX RRC Grant writer)

1997

Tom Jones, Friends of Riverfront, Beloit
Joe Moskal, Rock County CNRED Educator
Dean Paynter (Rock Trail Coalition)
Friends of the Horicon Marsh Interpretive Center (Ed Knope)
Jeff Adams, Beloit Collage

1996

Peter Watts, Riverside Middle School, Watertown for organizing SAVE Students Against Vanishing Ecosystems and river clean-up

Al Haukom, Fort Atkinson Beautification Council for incorporating aesthetics in the design

Ray Kisow, Chairman of Jefferson County Parks Committee and Joe Nehmer, Director Jefferson County Parks for developing the Jefferson County bikeway and Pedestrian-way Plan and the Glacial Drumlin Trail

Mike Williams, Rock River First, Beloit for a variety of activities addressing safety, education, ecology and enhancement of the Rock River

Kathy Cosgrove, Faculty Advisor and Jessica Geigner, Secretary Waupun High School Key Club for river cleanup and storm drain stenciling

Roger Sherman, Rock River Watershed Partnership for organizing major water users to address water quality and pollution abatement issues throughout the Rock River Basin

Patti Meyers, Horicon Marsh Area Coalition

Russell Farr, Chairman of the Town of Elba, Columbus and Robert Krueger Dodge County Board Supervisor for saving a historic bridge and arranging for relocation in county park.

Claude Krawczyk for providing time and legal expertise to the RRC

1995 Achievement Awards

Friends of Riverfront, Beloit (Tom Jones accepting)

Jefferson Rotary Club (Rotary Park funding)

Patrick Murphy SCS (now NRCS) for help with ad hoc steering committee

Shirley Vander Woude, Waupun Marsh Haven Nature Center work

Dave Neuendorf, Dodge County UWEX, work on steering committee

Rock Aqua Jay Ski Club, Janesville identifying hazards from storm drain