

2009 National Wetlands Awards

Celebrating 20 Years of Outstanding Contributions to Wetlands Conservation

Nomination forms for the 2009 National Wetlands Awards are now available. For 20 years, this program has honored individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the conservation and restoration of our nation's wetlands.

Help us celebrate our 20th anniversary by nominating someone you know for this prestigious award.

Visit www.nationalwetlandsawards.org and submit your nomination by December 15, 2008

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Help Us Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the National Wetlands Awards Program

The National Wetlands Awards Program recognizes extraordinary individual achievement in six categories: Education and Outreach; Science Research; Conservation and Restoration; Landowner Stewardship; State, Tribal, and Local Program Development; and Wetland Community Leader. The winners in each category will be honored in a ceremony on Capitol Hill in May 2009.

The awards are administered by the Environmental Law Institute, and supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Highway Administration, NOAA Fisheries, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and USDA Forest Service.

For more information, profiles of past awardees, or a nomination form, visit www.nationalwetlandsawards.org or contact us at:

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NOMINATION FORM

Administered by the Environmental Law Institute and supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the 2009 National Wetlands Awards recognize individuals who have demonstrated excellence in wetland conservation.

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Awards will be given for individuals in the following categories. Examples listed are meant for guidance only; please do not limit nominations to the examples included here. Please mark **ONLY ONE** category as the area that best describes your nominee's work:

- EDUCATION AND OUTREACH:** This award is presented to a teacher, nonprofit staffer, state/local government employee, or reporter involved in hands-on wetland education. *For example, an inspirational school teacher who has developed a wetland course that brings children into the field to learn about wetland ecology.*
- SCIENCE RESEARCH:** This award is presented to an academic, consultant, or other individual leading scientific research on wetland values and functions, restoration, or enhancement. *For example, an individual who has spearheaded groundbreaking or influential research on wetland restoration.*
- CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION:** This award is given to an individual who has accomplished the conservation or restoration of significant wetland resources through the use of on-the-ground restoration, management, or conservation methods on public or private lands. *For example, an individual who has used an innovative approach to restore a wetland ecosystem, or someone who has contributed to the protection of a regionally significant wetland area through the use of tried-and-true conservation methods.*
- LANDOWNER STEWARDSHIP:** This award is presented to a private landowner, who, while using his or her private land for farming, forestry activities, ranching, or development, voluntarily helps restore, protect, or minimize impacts to wetlands. *For example, a farmer involved in wetland restoration or conservation on his or her land or enlisting nearby landowners in such efforts, or a residential developer who provides significant protection or restoration of wetlands associated with a subdivision.*
- STATE, TRIBAL, AND LOCAL PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT:** This award is given to a state, tribal, or local government employee who has developed and administered an outstanding wetland program. *For example, a state government employee who has developed a streamlined wetland regulatory program, or a local government employee who has developed a wetland registry.*
- WETLAND COMMUNITY LEADER:** This award is given to an individual who has devoted significant time and energy to wetland protection by mobilizing concerned citizens to protect a wetland or introducing and spearheading the passage of wetland legislation. *For example, an individual who has led a coalition of citizens to work with the state transportation agency to protect a local wetland system, or a person who has spearheaded a campaign to pass state legislation protecting wetlands.*

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2009 NATIONAL WETLANDS AWARDS NOMINATION FORM (CONT'D)

Please answer all of the following questions about the nominee on (a) separate sheet(s) of paper. We strongly prefer that you use a computer or typewriter rather than writing responses by hand.

1. Briefly describe the nominee's qualifying accomplishments in no more than 150 words.
2. What recent project(s) or activity(ies) has the nominee been involved in? Where and when did these take place? What stage is/are the project(s) in?
3. What effect has/have the project(s) had at the local, state, or national level? If appropriate, who was the intended audience?
4. Which other agencies/organizations/individuals were involved in the nominee's project(s)?
5. Does the nominee receive a salary for the activity(ies) for which he or she is being nominated?
6. How did you learn about the 2009 National Wetlands Awards? (i.e., received the nomination form in the mail, saw a message on a listserv, saw the nomination form in the *National Wetlands Newsletter*, visited ELI's website)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOMINATORS

We encourage you to provide additional information that may be helpful to the selection committee, such as letters of support, related articles, and press coverage. However, the nomination package must be no more than **20 single-sided or 10 double-sided pages in total**. All supporting materials must be easily duplicated in **black and white** (i.e., color pages and color pictures do not reproduce well). **We encourage, but do not require, electronic submissions.** Brief written descriptions, resumes, or bibliographies should be submitted in lieu of video or audio recordings, books, posters, lengthy articles and reports, or similar materials.

We encourage the nomination of individuals nominated in the past but not selected for an award. Nomination information submitted in prior years will be reviewed by the selection committee. Previously submitted supporting materials, such as newspaper clippings and letters, should not be resubmitted.

Nominations must be for individuals—not organizations or groups of individuals—whose programs or projects operate at the regional, state, or local level. Federal employees are not eligible. Projects not currently in compliance with the Clean Water Act or similar state or local statutes, as well as projects compelled by enforcement actions under those statutes, are not eligible.

Awardees will be chosen by a committee of wetland experts representing the conservation and business communities, as well as federal, state, and local governments. ELI strives to assemble a selection committee that represents all geographic regions of the United States.

Please submit this nomination form and all supporting materials by **December 15, 2008**, to wetlandsawards@eli.org, or to National Wetlands Awards, Environmental Law Institute, 2000 L Street NW, Suite 620, Washington, DC 20036, or by fax to 202-939-3868. Please visit <http://www.nationalwetlandsawards.org> for additional nomination forms and profiles of past years' award recipients. For questions or to request additional copies of this form, please contact Rebecca Kihslinger at 202-939-3812 or wetlandsawards@eli.org.