



## Eligibility and Award Descriptions for Conservation Awards

### Who's Eligible?

To be eligible for an award the following criteria must be met:

1. Projects and/ or activities must contribute to the protection, connection and sustainability of the Credit River Watershed.
2. Award recipients can be nominated year after year; however a project can only receive an award once.
3. Self-nomination is allowed when submitted with a letter of support.
4. Award recipients cannot be active CVC Board Members or staff, or have been active Board Members or staff while undertaking the activities for which they are being recognized.
5. Award recipients must be in good standing with CVC planning policies and regulations.

### Award Descriptions

Each year, only one nominee in each of the following eight categories will be granted an award:

1. **Youth Achievement** Recognizes individuals and groups (**29 years of age or young**), striving to be future environmental champions.
2. **Outstanding Volunteer** - Recognizes individuals and/or community groups who generously give personal time to protect, connect, and sustain the environment.
3. **Environmental Awareness** - Recognizes those who connect communities with nature through education and outreach to promote environmental awareness, appreciation and action.
4. **Landowner Stewardship** - Recognizes landowners implementing restoration projects that increase natural cover and improve aquatic, terrestrial and wetland habitat on private lands.
5. **Corporate Leadership** - Recognizes corporations, businesses and public entities that take action and adopt new and creative approaches to plan for an environmentally sustainable future.
6. **Green Cities** - Recognizes those who implement leading edge green infrastructure in new developments and existing urban areas.

7. **Legacy Donor** - Recognizes those who donate land or funds for purchasing land to ensure its long-term protection. ***Excludes government agencies.***
8. **Watershed Excellence** - Recognizes those with a sustained record of achievement and commitment. Their ongoing leadership and dedication will leave a legacy of inspiration. *This most prestigious award will only be given in extraordinary circumstances and may not be given every year.*