



## **CONSERVATION LEGACY AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

The Conservation Legacy Award is intended to recognize contributions that transcend time. Whether the award winner dedicated ten or fifty years towards the local environment, their work should live on well past their earthly lifetime. Their legacy should be a gift to their community, as well as the plant life and wildlife within it. Regardless of how many lives they touched, Conservation Legacy Award winners need to have inspired others to become stewards of the land. Their conservation ethics should be passed on for generations to come.

The Conservation Legacy Award is given only to those individuals who were laid to rest at least three years ago. While we most certainly appreciate everyone's efforts as they are happening, there are a special few citizens who keep giving long after passing. The McHenry County Conservation District shall be proud to recognize these individuals whose efforts have assisted our organization in preserving our County's beautiful and valuable natural landscapes for future generations.

McHenry County Conservation District was created in 1971 with the mission to preserve, restore, and manage McHenry County's natural areas and open spaces for their intrinsic value and for the benefits to present and future generations. The Conservation Legacy Award honors the legacy of individuals who made a substantial and lasting contribution to environmental stewardship reflecting the District's mission. Significant contributions can include leadership, innovation, environmental legislation, community building, restoration fieldwork, citizen science and volunteering, donations of money and land. A nominee is not required to meet all criteria.

The McHenry County Conservation District Awards Committee meets annually to determine the award recipient. More than one nominee can be chosen to receive the award each year. If no applicant meets the standards, the award will not be given.

To nominate an individual, complete the form below and submit it electronically. The three references provided will be contacted at a later date. An application will be considered only during the current nomination year. Nominations may be resubmitted in subsequent years.

Annual deadline for submission: December 31. Award notification: March 31.

## **NOMINEE INFORMATION**

Name:

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Affiliation to McHenry County Conservation District:

## **INDIVIDUAL ACCEPTING AWARD ON BEHALF OF NOMINEE**

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Address:

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City: State, ZIP Code:

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Phone: Email:

## **PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION**

Name: Date:

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Address:

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City: State, ZIP Code:

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Phone: Email:

## **CRITERIA: CONTRIBUTIONS TO MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

1. Individual shall not be considered for at least three years after their death.
2. Long term sustained commitment (substantial and lasting) to conservation.
3. Significant contributions to conservation in McHenry County and beyond through work with the District.
4. Demonstrated leadership and/or significant inspiration to others.
5. Personal engagement of others in the mission and vision of the District and conservation movement.
6. Fostered diversity and inclusion.
7. Open to the general public, including former volunteers, staff, MCCD Board of Trustees, MCCF Board of Directors, elected officials and in good standing with the District.

## SUBMITTALS

### PROVIDE WRITTEN RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW

1. Duration of conservation contribution. How long has the nominee been involved in advocacy, environmental education, restoration, the environment, or other conservation efforts?
2. Provide a description of the nominee's conservation and environmental contributions. Describe the nominee's accomplishments and the most significant positive impact of their conservation and environmental protection contributions.
3. Explain how the nominee demonstrated leadership and inspired others through engagement in the mission and vision of the District and conservation movement in McHenry County?

## REFERENCES OR ENDORSEMENTS

PROVIDE THREE INDIVIDUALS KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE NOMINEE'S WORK ON BEHALF OF CONSERVATION OR THE ENVIRONMENT

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