



2015 Heritage Partnership Awards Program Description

Purpose:

The *Heritage Partnership Awards Program* pays tribute to and recognizes individuals, organizations, government agencies, community groups and leaders who have made significant contributions in the areas of land conservation, historic preservation, watershed protection, sustainable agriculture, livable communities and the environment at large.

By honoring contributions of the past, as well as achievements that will have a significant impact on the future of our communities and their environs, the *Heritage Partnership Awards* bestow a lasting legacy to those who have excelled in the preservation of our natural and historic heritage.

Award Categories:

Land Conservation – Individuals or organizations involved with projects, programs and initiatives aimed at protecting open space; promoting responsible land use; and furthering collaboration and comprehensive planning

Nominees may include: Individuals, families, businesses, government agencies, non-profit organizations, community/civic groups, or school groups

Historic Preservation – Individuals or organizations involved with projects, programs and initiatives aimed at preserving historic structures, historic districts, and increasing appreciation for a community's cultural heritage

Nominees may include: Individuals, families, businesses, government agencies, non-profit organizations, community/civic groups, or school groups

Youth Award – Youths or youth organizations involved with projects, programs and initiatives aimed at furthering preservation, conservation and/or environmental awareness

Community Leadership/Grassroots Partnership – Individuals, organizations, youths or youth organizations that are leaders in local grassroots efforts including projects, programs and initiatives aimed at furthering preservation, conservation or watershed awareness that make a significant impact on their community's quality of life. Recipient need not work directly in preservation/conservation field.

Nominees may include: Individuals, non-profit organizations, businesses, community/civic groups, or school groups

Lifetime Achievement - Individuals who exemplify long-term dedication to projects, programs and initiatives focused around preservation, conservation and/or environmental awareness