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2022 Stephen N. Parker Conservation Legacy Award

Criteria and Guidelines

The Lower Shore Land Trust (LSLT) is seeking nominations for the **2022 Stephen N. Parker Conservation Legacy Award** which will be awarded at the Flannel Formal, Saturday, November 12, 2022, at Brooklyn Meadows. This award ceremony is an opportunity to recognize an individual and/or organization that has displayed an enduring and distinct dedication to conserving the vital lands of the Lower Eastern Shore.

This award is to be given in honor of renowned conservationist, Steve Parker, to recognize a landowner or conservation practitioner for their contributions to private land conservation on the Lower Eastern Shore. Steve Parker is remembered for his work as Director of the Virginia Coast Reserve with The Nature Conservancy and as a long-time board member of the Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore. Steve's background in business and nonprofit served to bring together economic development and conservation, preserving the health and productivity of large ecosystems and the needs of human communities.

Lower Shore Land Trust recognized Charles "Buddy Jenkins" in 2019 as the inaugural recipient. Jenkins is the owner of one of the most significant tracts of land in northern Worcester County totaling over 2,000 acres of forest, prime agriculture and coastal wetlands. Through deed restrictions, the Jenkins Family Trust has preserved the property from future development. Last year, Larry Leese received the distinguished award. Mr. Leese worked with Lower Shore Land Trust for nearly a decade to permanently protect his land on the Marumsco Creek and Pocomoke Sound. The 1066-acre conservation easement protects 36 acres of agricultural land, 330 acres of forest, 700 acres of emergent tidal wetlands and thousands of linear feet of shoreline. Nominations must be received by September 16, 2022, for consideration.

The Lower Shore Land Trust is a nationally accredited (Land Trust Alliance) land trust that has, since 1990, protected close to 25,000 acres of pristine Eastern Shore farmland, critical habitat, streams, parks, trails, and more. Lower Shore Land Trust protects and restores natural resources, wildlife habitat and working lands to support and connect healthy and vibrant communities.

Nominations submissions are greatly encouraged and can be made to jmerritt@lowershorelandtrust.org.
DEADLINE - Please submit by Friday, September 16, 2022

Award Criteria

Stephen N. Parker Conservation Legacy Award

For leadership, dedication, and noteworthy influence - over a significant period of time - to intentionally and meaningfully bring about permanent conservation of precious Eastern Shore lands.

Award Criteria

An individual or organization who has:

- ★ Displayed exceptional efforts to permanently conserve large tracts of Eastern Shore Land;
- ★ Shown a unique love and dedication to supporting the Delmarva way of life;
- ★ Shown a special understanding of the flora and fauna that exist on Delmarva;
- ★ Displayed immense understanding of community; and who has
- ★ Shown positive contributions to impacting the economic, health, and/or overall well-being of their community, while respecting and enhancing the rural lands of the Eastern Shore.

Nominating Instructions

1. Create a separate MS Word document for each nomination. Be sure to address the award criteria specific to each award. Supporting documents can be scanned to PDF.
2. The following information must be provided in your submission:
 - a. Name of person making the nomination
 - b. Address, telephone and e-mail of the person making the nomination
 - c. Nominee (individual or program – see criteria above)
 - d. Nominee's address, telephone and e-mail contact information
 - e. Biographical sketch of the individual or organization (not to exceed one page)
 - f. Names of two individual supporters of the nomination
3. Narrative: Please describe nominee's contributions to their community with particular attention to the criteria identified for the award. Narratives cannot exceed one page.
4. The biographical sketch or program history does not count toward the one-page narrative.
5. Other pertinent information may be included such as news articles, organization newsletters, letters of support or endorsement, or other documentation. Please be judicious.
6. E-mail your nominations to the Awards Committee care of jmerritt@lowershorelandtrust.org. Please use the subject line "**Parker Award**".

"Stephen N. Parker Conservation Legacy Award" - Award Guidelines

1. Nominations must be submitted on time to be considered
2. Self-nominations are not allowed.
3. The *Stephen N. Parker Conservation Legacy Award Committee* is comprised of individuals from diverse organizations and backgrounds who are located on the Lower Eastern Shore.