



Annual Environmental Awards Master List of Winners

Between 2002 and 2007, and then resuming in 2015, the FoTW has presented awards for the care and protection of the watershed and environment in three categories (when there were suitable candidates). The following describes the awards, and lists the recipients for each year:

1. **“Contribution to the Tay Watershed”** (contribution to water resources specific to this watershed)

Past winners:

2002 - Lynn Preston who provided stalwart RVCA leadership in helping to develop the Tay Watershed Plan

2003 - Mike Mosher for support for the watershed including co-chairing Plan Roundtable

2004 – Greater Bobs and Crow Lakes Association for leadership on Lake Mgt. Planning and sharing of lessons learned with other lakes

2005 - Karen Hunt for leadership in the development of sub-watershed lake management plans in our community and for work leading to significant Trillium Foundation funding for the development of the Lake Management program

2006 - Cameron Macleod, founding member of the FoTW, and advocate for including the Tay River and watershed in Perth’s official plan

2007 - Queens University for the Tay Watershed Groundwater Research Project which demonstrated how quickly pathogens could travel in watershed groundwater

2015 – Lake Links for their collaborative one-day workshop held annually in Perth since 2002 which attracts citizens and scientists to share ways to help sustain our lakes and rivers

2016 – Kidfish – Kathy and Lannie Lowry, Dan & Karen Sisty for their development & organization of a fishing day for families with emphasis on environmental and sustainable principles

2017 - Dianne Czerwinski & Nicola Oddy – who spearheaded the development of the Tay River Pathway, an accessible path to the Tay River with a viewing platform of the Tay River

2018 - Noelle Reeve – Tay Valley Township Planner for appreciation and application of environmental principles in the municipal planning process

2019 – David Taylor – Past President, Friends of the Tay Watershed founder of the FoTW, and for vision and steadfast leadership of the watershed organization for 20 years

2020 - Irv Dardick – Eagle Lake for early and long-term lake management leadership and work in identifying and protecting the flora of the Tay watershed

2. “Contribution to Water Resources at the provincial, national or international level” (person or organization, either local or outside area, whose activities have an impact on water resources on a wider basis)

Past winners:

2002 - Appellants in the OMYA water permit hearings for important gains in policy at the provincial level, including acceptance of the watershed approach to management

2003 - not presented

2004 - Minister of Environment to Minister Dombrowsky for her interest in and support for a more sustainable provincial regard for the environment

2005 – Canadian Environmental Law Association – CELA for providing equitable access to justice especially for small organizations like lake associations and for fostering long-term, sustainable solutions to environmental concerns

2006 – M.A.P.L.E. – the Mutual Association for the Preservation of Lake Environments for their program which had a nursery housed at Christie Lake which provided a variety of indigenous plants for use by local lake associations to restore habitats and improve shoreline quality and for their Shoreline Classification Manual

2007 – Ontario’s Environmental Farm Plan Program for leadership and support for sustainable and environmental farming practices

2015 – Watersheds Canada for education and support of environmental practices such as shoreline planting and preservation

2016 – Lanark County Stewardship Council for continued promotion and support of environmental programs with advice, displays, and financial aid

2017 - Kat Kavanagh / Water Rangers for their development of tools to help citizens and scientists record and analyze water data in watershed rivers and lakes

2018 – Ontario Nature for leading the charge against Ontario Bill 66 that declared Ontario was open for business and ignored legal requirements to protect water and would override policies intended to protect sources of municipal drinking water

2019 – FOCA – Federation of Ontario Cottagers’ Associations for protecting thriving and sustainable waterfronts across Ontario through effective communication, education and advocacy

2020 - RVCA & MVCA on behalf of all Conservation Authorities in Ontario for supplying leadership, mentoring and expertise in all aspects of watershed management

3. “Contribution to the General Environment” (a local person or organization whose activities are aimed generally at the environment but impact on our water resources)

Past winners:

2002 – Local potters for fund-raising activity to support appellants in a water taking dispute

2003 - Greg Anderson for organizing and administering Envirothon

2004 - Lanark & Frontenac Stewardship Councils for general support, and early financial support to FoTW

2005 – Tay Valley Township for support and coordinated activities with the FoTW

2006 – EcoPerth in support of their many environmentally friendly initiatives such as no plastic bags, no idling

2007 - Bedford Mining Alert and CMAG for leadership in protecting the local environment

2015 – Susan Brandum and Rideau Environmental Action League for leadership in numerous environmental activities such as rain barrels and reuse projects

2016 – Tie:

Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust for protecting valuable natural areas and for their Festival of the Wild Child *and* **Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit /Dr. Paula Stewart** – Nature 4 Life Program for supporting and publicizing the healthful benefits of the natural environment on health

2017 – Bob Argue for developing Climate Change Plans

2018 – Little Stream Bakery for practicing 1% for the Planet philanthropy

2019 – Dr. Shelley Ball for ongoing support of the environment such as presenting the Film series ‘Shift Happens’

2020 – Paul Lehman, retired Executive Director, MVCA in recognition of his many years of service to the environment