

Otsego County Conservation Association

Conservationist of the Year

Guidelines

Each year at its annual meeting and dinner, the Otsego County Conservation Association will present its Conservationist of the Year Award to an individual, citizens' group/grassroots organization (without 501(c)(3) standing), governmental body, non-profit organization (with 501 (c)(3) standing) or business that has made a positive difference related to environmental protection, preservation or education in Otsego County. In regard to individuals nominated, preference will be given to county residents. Volunteer efforts are key to this award. Environmental professionals are not eligible to be nominated based on achievements accomplished for compensated employment. Businesses cannot be nominated for a profit-making enterprise. Areas of interest for nomination are:

- Water quality protection/improvement
- Wetland preservation
- Stream improvement work
- Stream/lake/river clean-ups
- Riparian buffer or tree plantings
- Recycling efforts
- Open space recreation enhancement (non-motorized)
- Land-use planning efforts
- Soil conservation efforts
- Other

Nominations may be made by individuals, citizens' groups/grassroots organizations (without 501(c)(3) standing), governmental bodies, non-profit organizations (with 501 (c)(3) standing) or businesses.

Nominations must be submitted six weeks before the date of the annual dinner. A call for nominations will be placed in the local media, the OCCA e-bulletin, and on the OCCA website. A three-member COY Award Committee will review nominations and determine who will be designated as OCCA COY. The decision of the committee will be final.

No monetary award will be given to the recipient of the award; however the recipient(s) will be the guests of OCCA at its annual dinner and be publically recognized at this event, a press release will be issued announcing the recipient, and an announcement will appear in *The Lookout*, OCCA's quarterly newsletter.

Nomination Form

Otsego County Conservationist of the Year

Person submitting nomination		
Name		
Professional or organization association (if applicable):		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone	Email	

Nominee Information		
Name of person, citizens' groups/grassroots organizations (without 501(c)(3) standing), governmental bodies, non-profit organizations (with 501(c)(3) standing) or businesses.		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone	Email	

Conservation Activity Category

Conservation activity was conducted in the area(s) of:

- Water quality protection/improvement
- Wetland preservation
- Stream improvement work
- Stream/lake/river clean-ups
- Riparian buffer or tree plantings
- Recycling efforts
- Open space recreation enhancement (non-motorized)
- Land-use planning efforts
- Soil conservation efforts
- Other (please specify)

Submittals

Please provide legible responses to the questions below. You may use additional paper if needed.

Conservation Activity Description:

- 1. Provide a description of the nominee's conservation/environmental activities.**

2. Describe why the nominee became involved in the conservation/environmental protection activities, and how the nominee worked to find a solution.

3. Describe the nominee's accomplishments and the most significant positive impact of the conservation/environmental protection activities.

4. List any individuals or groups that partnered with the nominee or provided support and describe their contributions. Also list any awards the conservation/environmental protection project has received.

5. Describe how the activities promote environmental protection or conservation.

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References or Endorsements

Provide two (2) individuals knowledgeable of the nominee's work on behalf of the environment or conservation.
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