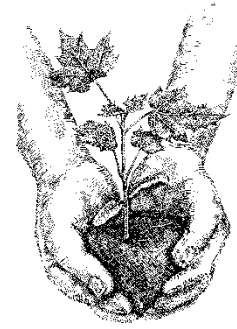


Portage County Environmental Conservation Awards



2023 AWARDS

Lifetime Achievement: Nancy Smith
Environmental Activism: Rev. Renee Ruchotzke
Environmental Education: Tom Franek
Environmental Stewardship: Kristen Pool
Green Business: Bibury & Company, Ann Ellis
Green Business: Popped, Gwen Rosenberg
Green Building Development: The Davey Tree Company: Third Wing Addition
Kent Environmental Council Edith Chase Award for Conservation: Beth Buchanan

2022 AWARDS

Lifetime Achievement: Eileen Fitzsimmons
Environmental Activism: Tom Collins (posthumous)
Environmental Activism: Pete Mohan
Environmental Activism: Kent Lions Club
Environmental Education: Story Trail Project at Moebius Nature Center (Brooke Anderson, Melisa Carlson, Ed Shaul)
Green Business: Taproot Catering
Stewardship: Joe DeFuria
Kent Environmental Council Edith Chase Award for Conservation: James Bowling

2021 AWARDS

Environmental Activism – Rhonda Boyd/Chimney Swifts Project
Environmental Activism - Lorraine McCarty
Environmental Education - John Lang
Green Business – Emily's Soaps
Stewardship – Al Barber
Stewardship – Ken Christensen
Lifetime Achievement – Allan Oraschan
Honor Roll for Land Conservation – Carlisle Family
Jane Hill, Stan Carlisle and Gale Lane on behalf of Gary Miller

2020 AWARDS

Environmental Activism – Brimfield Lions Club and Field Leo Club
Environmental Activism – Denny Reiser
Environmental Education - The Davey Tree Expert Company
Environmental Education – WKSU News
Green Business – Katrina Kohout, Scratch
Green Building/Development – Sirna and Sons Produce
Lifetime Achievement – George and Jane Preston Rose
Honor Roll for Land Conservation – Brad and Sandy Brotje
Honor Roll for Land Conservation – Kreierhoff Family
Honor Roll for Land Conservation – Matt and Emma Pochedly Family

2019 AWARDS

Environmental Activism – Lis Regula
Environmental Activism – The Campus Kitchen at Kent State University
Environmental Education – Kent Sustainability Commission
Environmental Stewardship – Bob Stehli
Green Business – Tree City Coffee and Pastry
Green Building/Development – City of Kent
Stewardship – Joe Paulus
Lifetime Achievement – Joan Sturtevant

2018 AWARDS

Environmental Activism: Ted and Swanny Voneida
Environmental Education: Wick Poetry Center at KSU
Environmental Stewardship: Lynn Gregor
Environmental Stewardship: Portage County Beekeepers
Green Business: Mantaline Corporation
Green Building/Development: Kent Natural Foods
Lifetime Achievement: David Dix
Lifetime Achievement: Helen Tremaine Gregory
Honor Roll for Land Conservation: Jerry and Jen Vydra
Honor Roll for Land Conservation: Walt and Paula Carrington

2017 AWARDS

Environmental Activism: Larry and Becky Thomas
Environmental Stewardship: Child Development Center at Kent State University
Environmental Advocacy: Bob Downing
Environmental Education: Denny Taylor
Green Business: Matt Herbruck/Birdsong Farm
Green Building/Development: DS Architecture
Lifetime Achievement: Steve Zabor
Honor Roll for Land Conservation: Gressard Family Trust

2016 AWARDS

Environmental Stewardship: John Gwinn
Environmental Education: Fran Teresi
Green Enterprise: The Socially Responsible Sweat Shop
Green Building/Development: Kent State University/University Architect
Green Building/Development: Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority
Lifetime Achievement: Charles and Marilyn Beckwith
Honor Roll for Land Conservation: Donald and Adriann Sampson, and Randy Bradley

2015 AWARDS

Environmental Education: Hiram College Tree House
Environmental Activism: Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation
Green Building/Development: Emerald Environmental, Inc.
Green Business: Kelly Ferry

Lifetime Achievement: Ann Ward

Honor Roll for Land Conservation: Virginia Shaw

2014 AWARDS

Environmental Stewardship: Rick Strebler

Environmental Education: Crestwood Outdoor Education Committee

Environmental Activism: Friends of the Crooked River

Green Business: Lucky Penny Creamery

Honor Roll for Land Conservation: Fred and Carol Maier, Randolph

2013 AWARDS

Environmental Stewardship: Lee Schaeffer

Environmental Stewardship: Berlin Lake Association

Environmental Education: Ken Riley

Environmental Activism: Gwen and Stan Fischer

Green Business: Kent Natural Foods Cooperative

Lifetime Achievement: Edith Chase

2012 AWARDS

Environmental Stewardship: Reverend William Graham

Environmental Education: Ron Etling

Environmental Activism: Dr. Gordon F. Vars (posthumous)

Green Building/Development: Community Action Council of Portage County, Inc.

Green Building/Development: Robinson Memorial Hospital

Green Business: Sand Hill Stable

Lifetime Achievement: Dr. Tom S. Cooperrider

2011 AWARDS

Environmental Stewardship: Merrill Evans

Environmental Education: Chris Carman

Environmental Activism: Mark Bergman

Green Building: Habitat for Humanity of Portage County

Green Business: Mackenzie Creamery

2010 AWARDS

Environmental Education: Matt Sorrnick

Environmental Stewardship: Judy Semroc

Career Achievement: Steve Tuckerman

Sustainable Urban Redevelopment: Ron Burbick

Environmental Activism: Advanced Rehabilitation and Health Specialists

Enduring Environmental Advocacy for 40 Years: Kent Environmental Council

2009 AWARDS

Environmental Education and Research: Larry Rosche

Environmental Stewardship: Susan Seene

Green Business: Renewable Lubricants

Green Building: Matt Testa, Builders Diversified

Environmental Outreach and Education: Jeff Sheehan

Honor Roll for Land Conservation: Helen Dix

2008 AWARDS

Environmental Awareness: Jeff Ingram

Environmental Advocacy: Stefanie Spear

Environmental Education: Aurora Conservation Council/Moebius Nature Center; Audubon Club of Greater Cleveland/Novak Nature Center

Environmental Education and Activism: Kent School District

Environmental Community Partner (trails and education): Kent State University

Walt and Nancy Adams: For a decade of leadership with this event

Honor Roll for Land Conservation: Dick and Tammy Rynearson, Dick and Judy Tenney, Beckwith Family

2007 AWARDS

Student Environmental Action: Hiram College Student Environmental Action Coalition; Waterloo High School

Student Committee on Climate Change; Roosevelt High School Zoology Club

2006 AWARDS

Sustainable Agriculture: Fritz Seefeldt and Joanne Jones for Haymaker Farm Market

Honor Roll for Land Conservation: Dick and Sue Abbott for Camp Spelman donations; Norm Webb for conservation easement

2005 AWARDS

No Awards presented this year

2004 AWARDS

Land Stewardship & Public Land Preservation: Claude E. Hopkins

Sustainable Agriculture: Mark & Carol Busson, Dragon Fly Organic Farm

Environmental Education: Helen Gless

Environmental Advocacy and Action: Lew Steinbrecher

Sustainable Community Development: The City of Kent

Lifetime Achievement Award: Walt Adams

Honor Roll for Land Conservation: Glen Talmon, Wanda Walter, City of Aurora

2003 AWARDS

Environmental Advocacy & Action: Jennifer Hillmer & Brad Stemen

Government Official: Bob Brown

University Educator: Barbara Andreas

Community Educator: Dawn Alber

Community Enhancement: Sherry Gedeon

Environmentally Sensitive Building and Development: Robert Heimann

Gardening & Horticulture: Bob & Sandy Kehres

Sustainable Agriculture: Sweetbriar Farms

Public Official: Lynne Erickson

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Institution: Rotary Club of Aurora

Lifetime Achievement: Harriet Begala

Honor Roll for Land Conservation: The Breakneck Creek Conservation Area Coalition including contributions by: Portage County Commissioners; Kent City Council; Franklin Township Trustees; Rootstown Township Trustees.

2002 AWARDS

Community /Neighborhood Enhancement: Mary Lou & Bill Wise
Education: Cathy & Emliss Ricks
Environmental Advocacy & Action: Rick Hawksley
Environmentally Sensitive Building & Development: Mike Maschek
Gardening/Horticulture/ Landscaping: Portage County Gardeners Club
Sustainable Agriculture: Jerold Guyette
Student / Youth Group: Billie Jagers and 4-H Wildlife Habitat Program
Government/Public Official: Dick Wetzel
Model Community Award: City of Aurora
Lifetime Achievement: Caroline Arnold; Rachael Craig, Dennis Cooke
Honor Roll for Land Conservation: Lawrence and Barbara Bryner , Jay Pixley Family, Jan & Robert Lamm

2001 AWARDS

Community /Neighborhood Enhancement: Diane Conyers-Rizzo
Education: Kathy Frazier
Environmental Advocacy & Action: Dan Melcher
Environmentally Sensitive Building & Development: Joe Leslie
Gardening/ Horticulture/ Landscaping: The Garden Club of Kent
Sustainable Agriculture: Silver Creek Farm, Molly & Ted Bartlett
Student / Youth Group: Kent Roosevelt's Program in Urban Forestry
Government Public Official: Charles Ramer
Business/ Church/ Institutions Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent
Lifetime Achievement: Jim Rinier, Environmental Educator
Lifetime Achievement: Nancy Adams
Leadership in a Cause: The Farmland Preservation Task Force
Honor Roll for Land Conservation: Helen Dix, Karl Liske, Bonnie Bailey Zuchniak

2000 AWARDS

Business: The Record Courier
Community/Neighborhood Enhancement: Elizabeth & Dwight Hendricks
Education: Dan McKeen
Government: William Schultz
Environmental Action: Harold Walker, Jr.
Lifetime Achievement: Kyle Loudin & Gordon Weber
Appreciation for Facilitation of County Rail/Trails Project : Chris Craycroft and Portage County Commissioners.

1999 AWARDS

Business: Home Savings Bank & County Clothing Center
Community/Neighborhood Enhancement: The McElrath Improvement Corp
Education: Eileen Kutinsky
Government: Virginia Shaw
Environmental Action: Edith Chase
Lifetime Achievement: Helen Dix
Honor Roll for Land Conservation: Barbara K. Andreas ; Edith Chase; Joan Greig ; J. Arthur Herrick ;John & Jean Jacobs; Robert Luckay ; John Mitchell; Michael & Lenore Molnar