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Past Recipients

In the spring, EPA will again be recognizing New Englanders for their outstanding contributions on behalf of New England’s environment. Established in 1970, the Environmental Merit Awards were designed to honor scientists, teachers, citizen activists, young people, organizations, business representatives, public officials, and others committed to preserving and nurturing our natural surroundings. Here are some of the individuals and organizations recognized last year:

Piscataqua River Co-op Piscataqua River, Maine/New Hampshire

Preparing for and responding to oil spills on land and water is always a tough business, especially in populated areas of New England. The Piscataqua River Co-op is a blend of private, local, state and federal organizations created to do just this along the Piscataqua River which forms the border of Maine and New Hampshire in the southern part of the two states. The co-op created a local spill management team to respond to an oil spill in the crucial 24 to 26 hours after an accident. For the past several years, the co-op has been playing a leadership role in the development of geographic response plans to enhance their response capability. The co-op has an inventory of state-of-the-art boats, booms and skimming equipment in case of a spill and spends a considerable amount of energy training to address a wide variety of spill scenarios.

Organized Parents Against Lead Providence, Rhode Island

Formed at the grassroots level—staffed and coordinated by the Childhood Lead Action Project—Organized Parents Against Lead is making a difference for children and families throughout Rhode Island by advocating on behalf of children, providing outreach in communities at the greatest risk for lead poisoning and empowering parents to work for change. Staffed and coordinated by the non-profit

Childhood Lead Action Project, the group has campaigned to keep the issue of lead poisoning in the forefront of community consciousness. Organized Parents Against Lead has become a powerful voice for parents and children. In addition to safeguarding children and families, it is helping to revitalize neighborhoods by promoting lead prevention, advocating for improved housing and pushing for elimination of lead hazards.

James Broderick Newton, Massachusetts

James Broderick of Newton has been an advocate for open-space preservation for many years, and in 2001 he chaired the Newton Community Preservation Alliance, a group which dedicated itself to the passage of Newton’s Community Preservation Act. State legislation allows communities to levy a surtax of up to 3 percent on property taxes for open space acquisition. Broderick organized the alliance, lobbied local legislators, lobbied for donations, and mobilized poll workers on election day. The local initiative passed in Newton in great part because of Broderick’s efforts and as a result, the character of the city will be preserved because Newton can look forward to ongoing funding for conservation and land acquisitions that have been put off for decades.

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How To Nominate

Fill out and return the attached nomination form (you may nominate yourself), a one page description of the accomplishments and work done by the nominee for the **past year**, or **over a lifetime**, and if available supporting materials such as testimonials and /or news clips.

EPA will review all nominations and select the winners based on the information provided. Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- ✓ ability to address an environmental problem or need
- ✓ long-term effects on the environment
- ✓ collaboration with others
- ✓ accomplishment of stated goals
- ✓ ability of the program / activity to be replicated or widely shared
- ✓ clarity and effectiveness of the presentation
- ✓ promotion of innovative ideas, or techniques

• Nominee must be a resident, business, government, academic or not for profit organization located in New England

• Your nomination must be **postmarked by February 19, 2003**

- ◆ EPA strongly encourages the nomination of individuals and organizations who have not previously been recognized through this program
- ◆ EPA will review the compliance and enforcement history of all nominees with respect to all federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations

The **annual award** recognizes the work done by and accomplishments of the nominee in 2002.

The **life time achievement award** recognizes a select few each year whose lifetime achievements have substantially improved New England’s environment.

Please complete and return:1) the form below, 2) one page description and if available 3) supporting materials by

February 19, 2003

Mail to:
US EPA New England Merit Awards
Carol Krasauskis, Mail Code RAA
1 Congress St., Suite 1100
Boston, MA 02114-2023

The winners will be invited to a ceremony in Boston, MA.
For more information or additional nomination forms: **www.epa.gov/ne**
or contact Carol Krasauskis at the EPA Customer Service Office at: **1-888-372-7341**

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Nomination Form

Nominate for Annual Merit Award: ☐

Nominate for Lifetime Achievement Award: ☐

(please select a category)

☐ individual

☐ local, state or federal government

☐ business, industry, trade or professional organization

☐ environmental, community, academia or nonprofit organization

nomination form

1-page description

supporting materials

(please type or print clearly)

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Contact Name

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Name of nominee

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Past Recipients (cont.)

Gillette Stadium
(The Kraft Group and Beacon Skanska Construction)
Foxboro, Massachusetts

When the Kraft family wanted to build a new home for the New England Patriots and the New England Revolution, they chose to do it in the most environmentally friendly way. The most visible environmental improvement was the daylighting of the Neponset River, which had been buried in underground culverts for the past half century.

During construction of Gillette Stadium, the Kraft Group committed over \$2 million to divert the river to a more natural, free-flowing 3,000 foot river corridor with over 6,000 plantings. The Kraft Group also built an on-site water treatment facility that will reuse over 60 percent of non-potable water, saving over 11 million gallons of water per year. During the project over 300,000 cubic yards of dirt, 20,000 tons of rock and 50 acres of asphalt have been recycled and reused. In many ways, CMGI field is a model for environmentally friendly construction.

Town of Barnstable Growth Management Initiative
Barnstable, Massachusetts

Over the past year, the town of Barnstable has implemented a unique and effective growth management initiative to protect the town’s fragile environment and address the growing need for decent and affordable housing. The town, with the help of the Cape Cod Commission, developed a program that utilizes its existing housing stock without taxing our environment. It includes: two acre zoning in environmental sensitive areas (about one half) of the town; a nitrogen management ordi-

nance to promote innovative and alternative wastewater disposal systems; a smart growth ordinance that allow for higher-density zoning in Hyannis’ business district; a comprehensive building cap; cluster zoning for subdivisions; and an affordable housing plan. Barnstable’s growth management initiative is based on a belief that a community can both protect its environment and provide safe, decent and affordable housing.

Dean Suagee
South Royalton, Vermont

Dean Suagee launched the Indian Country Environmental Justice Clinic at the Vermont Law School and has been a leader in fostering educational opportunities for American Indian students interested in environmental careers through the law school’s First Nations Environmental Law Program. The clinic, launched in 1999, offers clinical legal education to students who can then help tribal governments and intertribal organizations develop and carry out environmental protection programs. Students in the clinic have drafted environmental codes and advised tribal leaders of tribal rights and opportunities under federal environmental laws. Dean has also written papers describing the clinic so it can serve as a model for the creation of other clinics. The First Nations Environmental Law Program has also flourished since Dean took over its leadership in 1998. Thanks to Dean’s work, there is a new wave of lawyers and environmental professionals helping American tribes and nations protect the environment.

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Do you know a person or organization that has been outstanding in efforts to preserve New England’s environment ?

If so, nominate them today for an EPA New England Merit Award!

Find more information at www.epa.gov/ne

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Merit Awards 2003

New
lifetime
achievement
category!

 EPA would like to celebrate the hard work and environmental accomplishments of outstanding individuals and organizations in New England.