

Lake Michigan Champions of Conservation Award Program 2024

Lake Michigan Stakeholders is seeking nominations for the annual Lake Michigan Champions of Conservation Awards!

This environmental award program recognizes and honors outstanding achievements in multiple categories:

- **Water Resources Protection:** Projects that improve or restore degraded reaches of streams or rivers, lakes, or wetlands in the Lake Michigan basin, or monitoring programs that can lead to improvements. Management actions that protect and improve the Lake Michigan fishery will also be considered.
- **Environmental Education and Outreach:** Projects that advance knowledge and understanding of environmental issues, principles, and stewardship through innovative communication and education methods.
- **Land Use Protection and Habitat Restoration:** Focuses on the efforts of individuals or groups developing projects for the restoration and/or protection of unique or endangered regional ecosystems.
- **Environmental Justice and Water Equity:** Recognizes efforts of individuals or organizations who have done outstanding work that focuses specifically on providing equitable access to water resources or deliberate inclusion in the resolution of environmental problems among communities who may be disproportionately affected by environmental issues, such as communities of color and/or low-income communities.
- **Youth:** Recognizes a youth or youth group (grades 6 to 12) who demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of natural resource conservation and stewardship and promote environmental awareness.
- An additional award recognizes a policy-maker who has led efforts to protect and enhance the resources of Lake Michigan and the Great Lakes.



Nominations are open to any group, program, organization, business, or individual located in the Lake Michigan Basin. We are looking for individuals, groups, and businesses that have gone beyond the normal scope of work on the restoration, improvement, or enhancement of Lake Michigan and its watersheds. Nominations must describe the nominees' impact within the waters of the Lake Michigan basin.

Nominations are due Wednesday , May 1st 2024!

<http://www.lakemichiganstakeholders.org/champions/>

Lake Michigan Champions of Conservation - 2024 Nomination Form

Please complete your nomination [using the digital form found here](#). **Digital submissions are preferred.**

Alternatively, you may fill out this form, save the file with the name of the nominee, and email it to mike@lnrp.org by the end of business on Wednesday, May 1st 2024.

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Nominator Name (Yourself): _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

County: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Nominee Name: _____

Nominee Type:

Individual

Business

Organization/Agency

Policy-maker

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

County: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

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Award category:

- Water Resources Protection
- Environmental Education and Outreach
- Land Use Protection and Habitat Restoration
- Environmental Justice and Water Equity
- Youth

Does the nominee know they are being nominated?

- Yes
- No

What environmental need(s) within the community or organization did the nominee address? _____

What innovative solution did the nominee develop to address the identified need?

What impact did the nominee have on the environment or community?

How did the nominee engage in collaborative planning and building partnerships?

Discuss the potential for sustainability of the project or the leadership qualities of the nominee. _____

Include any additional information critical for the champion selection committee's consideration including the overall importance and scope of work.

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Reference #1 Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Reference #2 Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____