

# **2016 Call for Nominations**

**Northeast Environmental Partnership Awards**

**Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award**

**Emerging Environmental Leader Award**

**Nominations due June 15 2016**

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Egypt Meadows in the Bruce Lake Natural Area  
PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Delaware State Forest



**The Northeastern Pennsylvania Environmental Partners  
are now accepting nominations for**

**The 2016 Northeast Annual Environmental Partnership Awards  
&  
The 2016 Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award  
&  
The 2016 Emerging Environmental Leader Award**

Now in its Twenty Sixth year, the regionally acclaimed Environmental Partnership Awards program pays tribute to those organizations and individuals of Northeastern Pennsylvania that have achieved environmental protection or conservation through partnering with others.

By presenting these awards, the Environmental Partners (Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Environmental Council's Northeast Office, PPL Corporation, Procter & Gamble Paper Products Company, and Wilkes University hope to encourage others in the community to emulate the methods and achievements of the honorees.

Recipients of the 2016 Environmental Partnership Awards, the 2016 Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award and the 2016 Emerging Environmental Leader Award will be honored at the Twenty Sixth Annual Evening for Northeastern Pennsylvania's Environment on October 20, 2016 at the Woodlands Inn & Resort.

This event has become one of the most anticipated events on the regional calendar. At the 2015 Dinner, more than 300 people came together to salute the accomplishments of the awardees.

The Partners invite you to submit nominations for this year's awards. Read on to learn more about the awards, including how to submit the nominations for your candidates.

## The Awards A Brief History

The annual Environmental Partnership Awards were established in 1990, as an Earth Day project of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Environmental Partners. In the time since, they have become a highly coveted honor. Their intent now, as it was then, is to salute those who bring diverse groups and individuals together to solve problems of common interest and to recognize those who use partnering as their primary method to achieve environmental progress.

In 1995, the Partners established the Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award and presented it to Tom, posthumously. Mr. Shelburne was a highly respected community leader, who devoted himself, over four decades, to the protection and improvement of Pennsylvania's environment. Each year, this award honors an individual who, like Tom, has devoted a large part of his/her life to environmental protection, and who, over the long term, has proven to be an inspiring leader and a champion of partnering.

In 2012, the Partners established the Emerging Environmental Leader Award. This award honors a student who demonstrates young environmental leadership, creativity, and dedication to inspire others to adopt similar actions to protect the environment.

The annual Evening for Northeastern Pennsylvania's Environment, at which the awards are presented, has grown from a small gathering on the Wilkes University Commons, to an event known statewide. Each year, the Evening brings together hundreds of people who share a strong and personal interest in the environment.

### Some Recent Honorees

#### 2015 Environmental Partnership Awardees

- Bethlehem Authority & the Nature Conservancy
- Angela Colarusso
- Friends of Starrucca Creek
- Sue Nasrani
- Paupack Waves Lemelson MIT InvenTeam
- Corey Richmond

#### 2015 Emerging Environmental Leader Award

- David Madl III, Luzerne County

#### 2014 Environmental Partnership Awardees

- Every Drop Counts ~ Use a Rain Barrel
- Lackawanna Valley Trout Unlimited
- Newport Township Community Organization
- Pocono Avian Research Center
- Women & Their Woods ~ Delaware Highlands Conservancy

#### 2014 Emerging Environmental Leader Award

- Emily Rinaldi, Lackawanna County



### Thomas P. Shelburne Award

2015 Charles J. Charlesworth

2014 Bernard McGurl

2013 David Buck

2012 C. Allen Sacshe

2011 Dorrance Belin

2010 Tim Herd

2009 Joseph G. DeMarco

2008 David Lamereaux

2007 Professor Howard Jennings

2006 Edith Stevens

2005 William D. Lange

2004 Peter C. Pinchot

2003 Roz Peck

2002 Bud Cook, The Nature Conservancy

2001 The Honorable Ray Musto

2000 Arthur Watres

1999 Tony Santoli

1998 William Eberhardt, Ph.D.

1997 John Padalino

1996 The Honorable Patrick J. Solano

1995 Thomas P. Shelburne

# The 2016 Awards

## Who is eligible?

The Partnership Awards are open to any group, individual, company, program, or organization located in Northeastern Pennsylvania - or whose work has had a positive impact on the environment of the Northeastern Pennsylvania community of the following counties: Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Pike, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne & Wyoming.

Over the years, the program has honored individuals and groups involved in agriculture, forestry, business, industry, education, science, environmental awareness, community service, and government, among others.

## Who may nominate?

Individuals, groups, or activities may nominate themselves...or a third party may make nominations.

## How are honorees selected?

This year's honorees, as in the past, will be selected, from the nominees, by a distinguished panel of judges. The panel always includes representatives from the Partners, as well as other individuals with regional environmental interest, including past honorees.

In evaluating nominees, the judges review a number of factors, including:

- Impact of the activity on the region's environmental quality of life;
- Number and quality of partnerships formed and used to achieve the goals;
- Extent to which the nominee has gone above and beyond usual work expectations;
- Extent to which the activity serves as a model of partnering for others to follow.

For the Shelburne Award, in addition to the eligibility guidelines listed above, the judges are seeking to honor an individual who has demonstrated inspiring leadership and partnering over a long period of time.

\*For the Emerging Environmental Leader Award, in addition to the eligibility guidelines listed above ~ the candidate must be a student between the ages of 14 and 22. This student must demonstrate young environmental leadership, creativity, and dedication to inspire others to adopt similar actions to protect the environment.

## If you want to submit a nomination:

1. Complete the 2016 Awards Cover Sheet included with this mailer.
2. Prepare a nomination per the instructions on the 2016 Awards using the Nomination Checklist.
3. Attach any additional material that you believe strengthens the nomination and that you believe will help the judges evaluate the nominee.

# 2016 Awards Nomination Cover Sheet

(Please type or print)

## Nominee Information

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
(group, organization, individual, activity)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominator Information (if different)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

This is a nomination for (check only one):

- An Environmental Partnership Award:** a group, person, organization, or activity that has demonstrated excellence in environmental protection or conservation. The nominee must have demonstrated the quality of involving and working successfully in partnership with others.
- The Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award:** A person, who stands out in the community for his /her commitment to environmental quality, and who, over the long term, has proven to be an inspiring environmental leader and a champion of partnering.
- Emerging Environmental Leader Award:** A student who demonstrates young environmental leadership, creativity, and dedication to inspire others to adopt similar actions to protect the environment.

**Note:** to be considered, the nomination must include all the items listed on the checklist and be postmarked\* no later than June 15, 2016 and mailed to:

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council - Northeast Office  
175 Main Street  
Luzerne, PA 18709  
(P) 570-718-6507

\* or faxed to the Council at 570-718-6508

\* or emailed to the Council at [avitkoski@pecpa.org](mailto:avitkoski@pecpa.org)

The undersigned hereby certify that all information contained in and submitted with this nomination is correct.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# **2016 Awards Nomination Checklist**

To be considered, a nomination must include the following items:

1. **COVER SHEET** – use the form on the back of this checklist.
2. **SUMMARY** – Please provide a one-page summary of the reason you are nominating this person, group, organization, or activity.
3. **NOMINATION DETAIL** – Please describe, in detail, the achievement of the nominee. The detail portion should be no more than four typed pages (two pages if printed on front and back). The font size should be 12. Include information about each of these key factors:
  - Nature of the activity;
  - Nature and extent of the impact on the Northeastern Pennsylvania's environment;
  - Nature of the partnerships formed and how they affected the success of the activity;
  - Extent to which the nominee went beyond the normal expectations of his/her/its work; and
  - For a Shelburne nomination, add a section describing how the individual has, over the long term, demonstrated inspiring leadership and how he/she has championed partnering.
4. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** – We encourage nomination packages to include any additional information to help the judges evaluate the nominee – letters of support from partnering organizations, news reports, brochures, charts, photographs, for example.

**NOTE:** If you know of another group, organization, individual, or an activity that you feel should be nominated for these awards, please feel free to forward this information to them. **THANK YOU!**