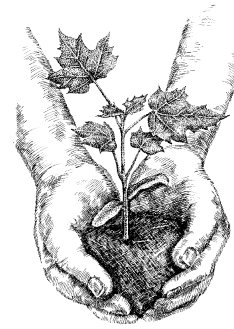


Portage County Environmental Conservation Awards



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 Sorrick
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 Wetzell

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