



Department of
Environmental
Conservation



Call for Nominations: Stewardship Appreciation Awards

Natural Resources Steward Award

Minimum Eligibility Requirements:

1. Nominees must be one of the following:
 - a. Not-for-profit organizations;
 - b. Individuals;
 - c. Educational institutions; or
 - d. Municipalities.
2. Nominees must have one of the following formal agreements with DEC:
 - a. An active Volunteer Stewardship Agreement (VSA);
 - b. A current Memorandum of Understanding;
 - c. A current Use and Occupancy Agreement; or
 - d. Proof of organized volunteer activities on State lands.
3. Nominees must currently and for at least the past three years be in good standing with DEC and in full compliance with the Environmental Conservation Law.
4. Nominee was not involved in any litigation against DEC or State of New York within the past seven years.
5. The efforts for which the individual or entity is being nominated must be:
 - a. Located on or in support of DEC lands or conservation easements; and
 - b. Initiated or completed within the past three years.

Note: Please provide one form per nomination.

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Address: _____

City: _____ State: NY Zip: _____

Please provide the contact information of the organization for which the nominee volunteers for (if applicable).

Organization's Name: _____

Organization's Address: _____

City: _____ State: NY Zip: _____

Applicant Type (Please check one):

Not-for-Profit organization

Educational institution

Municipality

Submission:

Completed nominations must be submitted no later than Thursday April 30, 2020.

Only nominations submitted in the required format will be considered. Please submit via email to adventureny@dec.ny.gov.

Please include the following with your nomination in an attachment:

- o A copy of the agreement, or a signed letter from a DEC staff-person who can provide confirmation that the agreement is valid.
- o Any additional materials that could support the nomination (photos, brochures, website addresses, etc.).

If unable to submit via email, please mail a hard copy, with photos to: Adventure NY, 625 Broadway, 14th Floor, Albany, New York 12233-1010.

Please complete the following:

1. Please summarize the program or project and include the following in your response:
 - a. Why the project was initiated including purpose, goals, motivation for taking on this project, and any relevant history.
 - b. A description of the project including activities and work performed.
 - c. Project dates, timeline, specific location of the project with a description of the state lands.
 - d. How the project enhances the stewardship and enjoyment of New York's natural resources.

2. Describe how this project made significant contribution to improving state lands and include the following in your response:
 - a. How did the results of the work make substantial improvements to DEC lands and promote environmental sustainability?
 - b. What did this project do to go above and beyond to ensure that the efforts would make a lasting impact, exceed expectations and achieve noteworthy results?
 - c. Describe any partnerships that were developed or employed in the implementation of the project (e.g., educational institutions, municipalities, business, not-for-profits, community groups, etc.)

3. Describe the project's results and accomplishments, including the following:
 - a. What were the results of the program or project? Provide quantifiable results if possible.
 - b. How did this project make a significant contribution to improving stewardship, maintenance, restoration and/or preservation of DEC-managed state natural resources or facilities?
 - c. How did the nominee go above and beyond to ensure that the project or program efforts would make a lasting impact, be sustainable into the future, exceed expectations and achieve noteworthy results?

4. Please submit relevant photos and a brief description of each.