



New York Association of Conservation Districts, Inc.
INVITATION TO MAKE NOMINATIONS FOR 2011 AWARDS

Commendation Award

Recognizes a District or agency employee for superior professional achievement. The activities assist, promote, and advance the programs of SWCDs, or NYACD or the wise use and management of soil, water and related natural resources. The activities are performed in a professional manner, with a high degree of skill and quality. The activity serves as an example of good conservation and development of natural resources and

Merit Award

To recognize a SWCD director, RC&D Council Member, or NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee member (voting or advisory) for outstanding effort or activity that promotes and advances District or RC&D programs. The activity clearly contributes to a better program and/or better understanding of natural resource conservation. The activity has been instrumental in the development or implementation of district or RC&D programs. The activity required unusual time or effort. The award may be given for recent or sustained activity.

Special Service Award

To recognize a person, agency organization or firm for special services to Conservation Districts or the Association. The nominee should have performed special services or activities that significantly helped districts or the Association more effectively carry out their objectives or programs. The activity may have been performed recently or for sustained support or services.

Distinguished Service Award

To recognize an Association Division or Officer for Distinguished service to the Association. The activities promote and advance the objective, policies and programs of the Association. The activities, marked by distinction, have been recent or sustained. There is no limit to the number of times this award may be given to an individual. The candidate must be nominated by an Association committee or member of the Board. Nominations should include a narrative to document the specific accomplishments of the nominee.

Diversity Award

To recognize conservation district service Activities of the SWCD exhibit a diversity of board, a variety of service to all constituent groups, diversity of programs, employee diversity. The district must also demonstrate efforts to improve or continue efforts to carry out conservation in a wide array of manners. State winner will be nominated in the NACD awards program.

Appreciation Award

Many times we hear that a member of the media, or farmer or educator or legislator, etc. has provided a service, not just to the SWCD, but to the conservation ethics that we hold dear. This award(s) is to recognize *those efforts.*

Deadline: September 1, 2011.

Return to NYACD: NYACD@nycap.rr.com or
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**Nominators should submit a narrative plus any support material to clearly document the specific accomplishments of the nominee.