

2010 Call for Nominations

Northeast Environmental Partnership Awards

Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award



Nominations due June 16, 2010



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

**The 2010 Northeast Annual Environmental Partnership Awards
&
The 2010 Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award**

Now in its Twentieth 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 (Northeast 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 both the 2010 Environmental Partnership Awards and the 2010 Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award will be honored at the Twentieth Annual Evening for Northeastern Pennsylvania's Environment, at The Woodlands Inn and Resort, Wilkes-Barre on **Thursday, October 14, 2010**. This event has become one of the most anticipated events on the regional calendar. At the 2009 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... 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.

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

2009

- Abington Area Joint Recreation Board
- Alliance Landfill, Apex Waste Services & Beach Lake Transfer Station
- Catawissa Creek Restoration Association
- Palmira Gregory Miller
- Jamie Reeger
- Trout Trails & Tails - Brodhead Watershed Association & Pocono Arts Council
- Wildlands Conservancy

2008

- Countryside Conservancy
- Tim Ferrence
- Monroe County Conservation District
- David & Judy Rimple
- Susquehanna Warrior Trail
- Don & Wendy Sweppenheiser



Thomas P. Shelburne Award

- 2009 - Joseph G. DeMarco
- 2008 - David Lamereaux
- 2007 - Professor Howard Jennings, Keystone College
- 2006 - Edith Stevens
- 2005 - William D. Lange
- 2004 - Peter C. Pinchot, Pinchot Institute for Conservation
- 2003 - Roz Peck, Countryside Conservancy
- 2002 - Bud Cook, The Nature Conservancy
- 2001 - The Honorable Ray Musto, Senate of Pennsylvania
- 2000 - Arthur Watres, Lacawac Sanctuary
- 1999 - Tony Santoli - District Forester
- 1998 - William Eberhardt, Ph.D.
- 1997 - John Padalino - President, Pocono Environmental Education Center
- 1996 - The Honorable Patrick J. Solano, Senior Counselor to the Governor
- 1995 - Thomas P. Shelburne

The 2010 Awards

Who is eligible?

The 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 reviewing the factors listed, the judges are seeking to honor an individual who has demonstrated inspiring leadership and partnering over a long period of time.

If you want to submit a nomination:

1. Complete the 2010 Awards Cover Sheet included with this mailer.
2. Prepare a nomination per the instructions on the 2010 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.
4. Mail, FAX, or email the package, postmarked no later than **June 16, 2010**.

2010 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.

Note: to be considered, the nomination must include all the items listed on the checklist and be postmarked* no later than June 16, 2010 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

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

Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Organization: _____ Signature: _____

2010 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!**

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