

## **PEQUANNOCK RIVER COALITION AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT**

Each year the Pequannock River Coalition honors those who have offered exceptional service toward preserving and restoring the Pequannock River Watershed. These awards are given in several categories. A list of the awards and the current honorees is provided below.

These awards will be presented at our annual meeting, 7:30 PM on Tuesday, April 12th at the Riverdale Community Center, 57 Loy Avenue, Riverdale. The meeting is open to all PRC members, friends, and supporters. Light refreshments will be served. To add extra fun to the evening, this year we are also offering door prizes. Gift certificates for Ramsey Outdoor Stores will be received by some lucky attendees. Neat!

This is a great opportunity to thank those who have done so much for our group and to meet some of your fellow PRC supporters and members. Please join us!

### **Volunteer Service Awards**

*Honoring the generosity, dedication, and commitment of volunteers toward protecting the natural resources of the Pequannock River Watershed.*

#### **Leslie Coronato, Wyckoff, NJ**

Since 2004 Leslie has been a mainstay in our hikes, restoration projects, and other events. Whether manning a table at our 5K run, or rolling up her sleeves at a river planting, Leslie's contributions have been frequent and substantial. Hopefully this award conveys some measure of our appreciation.

#### **Donald Pruden, Riverdale, NJ**

A resident of Riverdale, where he has served his community in various capacities, Don joined PRC in 2003 and became a member of our Board in 2006. A constant presence at almost all of our events, Don also serves as our unpaid official photographer. His images have graced our newsletter many times and have also been featured in the Natural Resource Inventories of several towns. This award is meant to repay a small part of his contribution.

#### **Edward Tenthoff, West Milford, NJ**

Living on the banks of the Pequannock, Ed became a PRC member in 2004. In recent years he has been a huge help with our volunteer work. His efforts at our restoration in Appelt Park were enormous; leading work crews, rounding up materials, and keeping the job on track. Even the unsung joys of stuffing envelopes have received attention and assistance from Ed. With this award we honor and commend his volunteer spirit.

### **Public Service Awards**

*Honoring the dedication and commitment of public officials toward protecting the natural resources of the Pequannock River Watershed.*

#### **Councilman Robert Nolan, West Milford, NJ**

West Milford has often been at the forefront of issues as the battles between development and preservation have raged. In his role on the Town Council, Bob Nolan has been a voice of reason

and a true friend to our local environment, in addition to pitching in at events like our annual clean ups. We salute Bob for his conviction and action.

### **Councilwoman Judy Woop, Butler, NJ**

Probably the most developed of our watershed towns, Butler still has a lot to offer. Our recent production of a Natural Resource Inventory for Butler serves to underline the natural gifts of this community. Throughout this work, PRC has never had a better friend than Judy Woop. Her support and participation on a wide array of activities and issues has been extremely helpful. Congratulations to Judy!

### **Professional Service Awards**

*Honoring the dedication and commitment of those who, in their professional capacity, have provided extraordinary protection to the natural resources of the Pequannock River Watershed.*

### **Pierce O'Hearn, Ringwood, NJ**

In 2010, PRC took on the daunting challenge of removing 14 inactive beaver dams from the Pequannock River headwaters through Vernon and Hardyston. This was hot, difficult, and demanding work. Even reaching the location of some of these dams was incredibly daunting. We can state unequivocally that this project would not have succeeded without Pierce O'Hearn. His willingness to do whatever was required and his cheerful enthusiasm were critical to our success. Now, with these dams removed, this section of the Pequannock River is closer to being restored as a premier brook trout fishery. Thank you, Pierce!

### **PIP Printing, Butler, NJ**

For 17 years PRC has kept the public informed and alerted on a wide range of important topics. Our Pequannock Post newsletter, for example, has been published faithfully every other month, never skipping a beat, since 1994. The Post, an array of other publications, and all the materials for River in the Classroom have been produced by PIP, often at a discount and always reliably. With this award we thank them for this successful partnership.

### **River Protector Awards**

*Honoring the extraordinary philanthropic contributions of individuals, foundations, and businesses toward protecting the natural resources of the Pequannock River Watershed.*

**Stephen and Phyllis Bach, Kinnelon, NJ**  
**Robert and Jean VanderPloeg, Oak Ridge, NJ**

As a grassroots group, the Pequannock River Coalition relies on its members in many ways. Important among them is financial support, since it is largely donations from our membership that have allowed us to thrive and fulfill our mission. With these awards we honor the extraordinary financial gifts provided by Stephen and Phyllis Bach and Jean and Robert VanderPloeg. We cannot overstate our appreciation for the exceptional generosity of these donors as they join the growing list of past recipients.

**Directions to the Riverdale Community Center, 57 Loy Avenue, Riverdale**

**From Rt. 80 and South via Rt. 287:**

- 1) Follow Rt. 287 north to exit 53
- 2) At traffic signal at end of exit ramp, turn right onto Hamburg Turnpike
- 3) At first traffic signal turn right onto Newark Pompton Turnpike.
- 4) Follow Newark Pompton Turnpike 1/2 mile to 4th right hand turn. Make right onto Oak Street.
- 5) Follow Oak Street to end. Turn right onto Loy Ave.
- 6) Community Center is on right.

**From the North via Rt. 287:**

- 1) Follow Rt. 287 south to exit 53.
- 2) At traffic signal at end of exit ramp, turn right onto Hamburg Turnpike
- 3) At second traffic signal turn right onto Newark Pompton Turnpike.
- 4) Follow directions from 4) above.

**From the North or South via Rt. 23:**

- 1) Follow Rt. 23 north or south to Rt. 287 northbound.
- 2) See directions “From Rt. 80 and South via Rt. 287” above.