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The George and Laura Appell Award for the Conservation of Biodiversity in Maine's Mountains

Purpose and Description:

To publicly acknowledge and celebrate an individual or organization who has consistently worked over time to discover and conserve the biodiversity of the Maine Appalachian Mountain Corridor. The award is meant to recognize and honor significant work in research, land conservation, advocacy, leadership, or philanthropy that conserves and protects the forests, waters, ecosystems and wildlife of the region. It is presented to no more than one recipient each year (unless we are recognizing a collaborative effort by two or more people). The award honors the lives of Dr. George Appell and his wife Laura, field anthropologists and long-time residents of the Maine Mountain region, for their love of the region's natural habitat and all they did to conserve it.

Award

\$10,000 directly to awardee to continue their work on behalf of biodiversity in Maine's Mountains.

Criteria (one or more of the following)

Note: *Leadership of the Maine Mountain Collaborative (MMC) member organizations are not eligible*

- Exemplary work contributing to the advancement of knowledge and understanding of the ecology of the region
- Exemplary track record of land conservation that significantly advances the protection of critical habitat, wildlife, and ecosystems of the region.
- Track record of leadership and collaboration to convene people, organizations, and interest to achieve results in conservation of biodiversity
- Record of significant work to educate the public and decision-makers about the ecological importance of the region
- Track record of effective advocacy for public policies that conserve and protect the region's biodiversity

Required Nomination Materials

- Due by November 2, 2022
- Name of nominee and complete contact information
- Current CV or resume from nominee if appropriate and available



- Completed nomination form
- Maximum of two letters of endorsement from colleagues that address the award criteria are strongly encouraged but not required
- Other supporting documents as appropriate
- No self-nominations

Selection Process

- The award nomination process will be advertised on the Maine Mountain Collaborative's website, through our email list of members and partner organizations, social media, etc.
- A selection committee of 4 members, chosen by the MMC Board of Directors, will review nominations and choose a winner by consensus if possible, or by vote, if necessary
- Award announcement will be made on or near November 14, 2022