

2023 Morris Park Alliance Awards - Call for Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the Morris County Park Alliance 2023 awards program. The annual Awards reception recognizes and honors excellence in parks and recreation at the county, municipal and non-profit level throughout Morris County. The presentation of awards will be held in the Haggerty Education Center of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Ave, Morristown, NJ, during the Special Recognition Park Alliance Program/Reception. Award nominations will be submitted through an online application or by e-mailing Denise Lanza, Executive Director of the Morris Park Alliance, at morrisparkalliance@gmail.com, or mailing it to Park Alliance, PO. Box 1295, Morristown, NJ 07962-1295.

There is **no limit** to the number of nominations you can submit. The deadline for award submissions is March 23, 2023. Award nominations are accepted only from agencies that are in Morris County NJ. Award winners will be notified by March 31, 2023. Awardees are highly encouraged to attend the awards banquet held on Wednesday **April 26**, 2023 at 6:30 PM to be recognized and to accept their award in person. Guests are also encouraged.

See instructions below on how to prepare and submit your award nomination.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Outstanding Public Official This award is presented to a nominated, elected, or appointed, local or county official (including commissioners or board members) who has contributed significantly to the benefit of parks, recreation, leisure services, and open space programs. Although the specific involvement may be with only a single park system, it should be truly exemplary to the parks and recreation field. This award is limited to two per year.

Outstanding Volunteer: This award is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution of personal time and talent to a local or county agency. Although the specific involvement may be with only a single park system, it should be truly exemplary. This award is limited to one per year.

Outstanding Support Organization: This award is presented to an organization that has responded in an exceptional manner by making a major contribution to benefit park and recreation programs or facilities. The contribution may involve facility or program development, operations, or organizational support. This award is limited to one per year.

PROGRAM AWARDS

Park and Recreation Program Awards: These awards are presented to recognize an agency that has provided a unique or exceptional program, activity, or event, which provides an outstanding example for others to follow. Nominations will be reviewed for the following: uniqueness, effectiveness in achieving program goals, and public response. These awards are limited to two per class.

Class I Parks and Recreation Program: This award is presented to local park and recreation agencies with a population service area of less than 18,000.

Class II Parks and Recreation Program: This award is presented to local or county park and recreation agencies with a population service area over 18,000.

AREA AND FACILITY AWARDS

All facility nominations will be reviewed for the following: overall layout, design elements, construction techniques, aesthetics and special aspects, funding and construction costs, community support, best practices, sustainability, and maintenance features. These awards are limited to two per category.

Park and Recreation Areas or Facilities These awards are presented to recognize and honor excellence in park and recreation facilities; to focus attention (both public and professional) on the very best of facility design; to encourage outstanding efforts in planning, design, construction, and benefits to the community; and to serve as an example for others to follow. This award is limited to one per class.

Class I Park and Recreation Facility: This award is presented to local park and recreation agencies with a population service area of less than 18,000.

Class II Park and Recreation Facility: This award is presented to county or local park and recreation agencies with a population service area over 18,000.

Operational Facility This award is presented to recognize a support facility of unique or significant design. Examples include, but are not limited to, maintenance facilities, administrative offices, and service centers. Limited to one per class.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Environmental/Conservation Award This award is presented to recognize an exceptional effort to acquire, restore, preserve, operate, or develop unique or significant conservation and natural areas or programs. Limited to one per year.

Planning Initiative This award is presented to recognize a research or planning initiative that has provided the agency with important information to aid in decision-making, and which contributes to a body of knowledge that will be valuable to other agencies. Limited to one per year.

Instructions: **The deadline for award submissions is March 23, 2023**

1. There is no limit to the number of nominations you can submit.
2. It is important to note that you cannot edit an award nomination once it has been submitted. You will need to gather the following information to complete your nomination: a) Nominator Information: Your name, agency, mailing address, phone number and email address. b) Alternate Contact: Name, phone number and email address. c) Nomination information: Individual or Project Name, Nominee's Title (if applicable), Nominee's organization, and population of area served (for class awards). d) Achievement Narrative: Please limit your narrative to 2-3 paragraphs (no more than 300 words total). For Individual Awards, please describe the individual's role, a description of their actions, ideas, and support provided to your agency. For Program, Facility or Special Awards, please describe program or facility, its objectives and outcomes, where it was offered/built, timeframe, who was responsible for the initiative, public response, and a statement of why this initiative is unique and should be used as a model for others to follow. e) Attach one to three photos of the candidate or project nominated. (Photos of winning submissions will be used at the Awards Banquet).

2023 Morris Park Alliance Awards Nomination Form

A. INDIVIDUAL AWARDS - (Circle)

1. Outstanding Public Official, 2. Outstanding Volunteer, 3. Outstanding Support Organization

B. PROGRAM AWARDS - (Circle)

4. Class I Under 18,000 population, 5. Class II Over 18,000 population

C. PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY AWARDS (Circle)

6. Class I Facility Under 18,000 population, 7. Class II Over 18,000 population,
8. Operational Facility

D. SPECIAL AWARDS (Circle) 9. Environmental/Conservation Award, 10. Planning Initiative

NOMINATOR INFORMATION Contact information for the person completing this form.

Nominator's Name: _____ Title: _____

Agency Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

NOMINEE INFORMATION

The Nominee/Individual may be from a governmental, institutional, quasi-public, or private entity from Morris County NJ

Name of Individual/Agency/Owner: _____ Further information must be provided in the narrative section.

FACILITY NOMINATIONS

Official Name of Facility: _____

Facility Address: _____

If no address please give cross streets or approximate address for gps.

Agency Contact: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Lead Design Firm: _____

Design Firm Contact: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Total Project Cost all Phases: \$ _____ Completion Date: _____ The completion date must be within the past 6 years. 2017 to 2022

NARRATIVE INDIVIDUAL / ORGANIZATION

Describe how this was truly an exemplary person or organization that contributed to the parks and recreation field. See descriptions of awards. Outstanding Public Official, Outstanding Contributor, Outstanding Volunteer, and Outstanding Support Organization.

Review any challenges this person or organization faced during their involvement. Examples include: Funding, recruitment, planning and construction.

Describe how their involvement impacted the community or program and if it was an ongoing or one time activity.

NARRATIVE PROGRAM AWARD - See award description

What were the goals of the program or service provided?

How many people and or organizations were involved in the planning and implementation of the program?
How did they contribute?

NARRATIVE FACILITY AWARDS

Describe the goal or purpose of the project. Did it fulfill a specific need? How / why was it determined to proceed with the project?

How was this project funded: What was the total budget: Did it require fundraising?

Were there any challenges faced during the project and how were they handled?

Was this project unique in its design? Were any new products or construction methods used? Is the facility used for a unique purpose?

Describe how completion of this project impacted your community. What is the range of appeal and its usability and versatility?

NARRATIVE SPECIAL AWARDS

Environmental/Conservation: Describe the exceptional effort to acquire, restore, preserve, operate, or develop unique or significant conservation and natural areas or programs.

Planning Initiative: What was the research or planning information provided? How was it significant and how did it contribute to agency operations?