



Chesapeake Forest Champion Contest

Do you know a person or group who is a champion for forests in the Chesapeake Watershed?

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay with support from the U.S. Forest Service is soliciting nominations for the annual Chesapeake Forest Champions contest. Forests provide clean water and air, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, and a host of other benefits to people. In rural and urban areas alike, trees are one of our greatest allies in reducing the pollution that flows off the land into local waterways and, ultimately, to the Bay. With 100 acres of the region's forest lost to development each day, the need for local champions of trees and forests has never been greater.

The purpose of this contest is to recognize the outstanding efforts of groups and individuals from around the Bay watershed to conserve, restore, and celebrate Chesapeake forests in 2018. The contest is open to all including landowners, community groups, nonprofits, forestry and natural resource professionals, schools, youth organizations, businesses, public agencies and others working in rural, suburban and urban areas. Basically, if you know any group or individual who is doing outstanding work for forests, as a volunteer or professional, nominate them. *Nominations submitted for either of the last two contests will automatically be considered for 2018.*

How to participate:

Submit your nomination by Friday, August 31, 2018
(use form on next page)

Forest Champion Awards:

- 1. Most effective at engaging the public**
(i.e., use of innovative methods or skills to inspire people to act on behalf of forests)
 - 2. Greatest on-the-ground impact**
(i.e., use of programs or innovation to vastly improve forest health, etc.)
 - 3. Exemplary Forest Steward**
(i.e., landowner or tenant doing exceptional work on behalf of the forests)
- Winners will be recognized at the annual Chesapeake Watershed Forum November 2nd, 2018, in Shepherdstown, WV (fees for registration and accommodation will be waived for the Champions!**)
 - Note: You are welcome to nominate your own organization for this award!

Remember to submit your Chesapeake Forest Champion Nomination by August 31, 2018!

If you have any questions, send an email to forests@allianceforthebay.org

- * State and federal agencies are not eligible but individuals at those agencies may be nominated
- ** Expenses covered for one delegate from each winning organization





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To successfully submit a nomination, please follow the steps below:

1. Download/Save the blank form to your computer.
2. Complete the form and save.
3. Email this file as an attachment to forests@allianceforthebay.org

I Chesapeake Forest Champion Nominee

Please provide the following information about the individual or organization being nominated:

Name of individual/group being nominated

Address

Phone

Email

Website (if applicable)

II Your Information (nominator)

It is acceptable to nominate your own organization.

Name

Phone

Email

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III Champion Description (500 words max)

Give a concise, compelling summary of what your Chesapeake Forest Champion nominee has accomplished.

Only the first 500 words will be read.

IV Submit with Photos

If your nominee wins, would they – or a representative – be available to receive the award at the Chesapeake Watershed Forum in Shepherdstown, WV on November 2, 2018?

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To submit, save this completed file and send it in an email to forests@allianceforthebay.org. Include the name of your nominee and attach this form along with an optional 1-3 photos depicting one or more of the champion's accomplishments.

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