

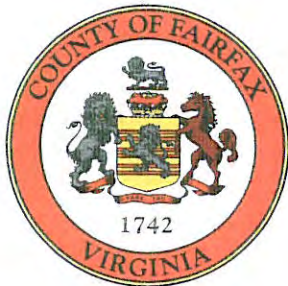
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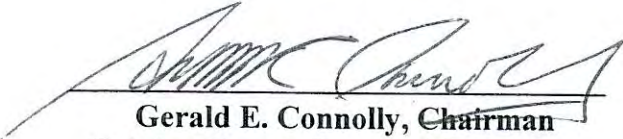
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*2006 Environmental Excellence Award
Business Category*

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Gerald E. Connolly, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Presents 2006 Environmental Excellence Awards

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors presented three 2006 Environmental Excellence Awards at its regularly scheduled meeting Oct. 23. Awards were presented to Ken Andrews (county resident category); the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (organization category); and Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. (business category).

Andrews received the award in the county resident category because of his personal dedication, energy, enthusiasm and commitment to a variety of environmental management and stewardship efforts in the Reston area. Andrews has been a member of the Reston Association's Environmental Advisory Committee since 1998 and the chairman or co-chairman of this committee since 2000. Under his leadership, the committee established and implemented a variety of environmental programs addressing efforts such as stream monitoring and clean-up, invasive plant removal, recycling and the provision of dispensers for pet waste disposal. He has championed a variety of environmental outreach and stewardship efforts and has worked actively in the development and promotion of the Reston Association's Watershed Management Plan.

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District received the award in the organization category for its commitment to environmental protection and restoration through: environmental improvement projects; outreach and education programs; technical advice; and partnerships with government, industry and community organizations. The numerous efforts of the district have included coordination of several hundred volunteer stream monitors, design and implementation of stream restoration and stream bank stabilization projects, a storm drain marking program; design and implementation of low-impact development demonstration projects in coordination with county agencies; assistance to landowners with agricultural provisions of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance; other technical assistance to county agencies; and numerous education and outreach programs.

Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. received the award in the business category for expertise, professionalism, innovation and leadership in the development industry in the fields of wetland and Resource Protection Area delineations and stormwater management, and for collaboration with Fairfax County on a variety of related regulatory and policy issues. WSSI's efforts have included: active participation on the county's Adequate Outfall Committee; assistance with development of low-impact development guidelines both in the county's Public Facilities Manual and in a regional manual under development; contributions at public meetings regarding environmental issues; and demonstration of good environmental stewardship principles in wetland and Resource Protection Area delineations and site assessments. WSSI also has led by example by implementing innovative low-impact development and green building practices.

The Environmental Excellence Awards are designed to recognize efforts that promote the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' environmental goals. These goals, which were adopted by the board to foster a sustainable and vibrant living environment both now and in the future, are:

- Environmental protection, which seeks to preserve the county's natural resources and meet or exceed federal, state and local standards for water quality, air quality and other environmental standards.
- Open space conservation, which seeks to preserve and protect stream valleys, woodlands and other ecologically valuable areas to protect plant and animal life.
- Energy conservation, which promotes energy efficiency and energy conservation with the public, commercial, residential and industrial sectors.

In addition to these goals, the county's Comprehensive Plan, the Board of Supervisors' 20-year Environmental Vision Statement, the Fairfax County Park Authority Policy Manual and other documents contain policy statements to guide county agencies, decision makers and residents.

Award winners are selected based on their advancement or support of the board and county's environmental goals and policy statements, their dedication of personal time and expertise beyond normal fiscal or civic responsibilities, and their leadership as a role model for others.

The awards program is administered by the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council and supported by the county's environmental coordinator, the Department of Planning and Zoning, and the Fairfax County Environmental Coordinating Committee.

For more information about this year's award winner or the Environmental Excellence Awards, call Kambiz Agazi, environmental coordinator, at 703-324-1788, TTY 711. Previous year's award winners are listed online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/eqac/awards.htm.



Ken Andrews ([High Resolution Photo](#))



Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District ([High Resolution Photo](#))



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