

Richard Fischer Award Nomination Form

Background:

The Richard Fischer award is presented annually to those who help improve the Town of Ithaca's natural environment. Richard B. Fischer spent decades advocating for the conservation of the natural environment. He worked to conserve habitats for the State Bird of New York (Eastern Bluebird), he led a campaign which successfully gained State legislation mandating bottle return deposits, he taught at Cornell University and wrote hundreds of articles for both scientific and popular publications. The award is presented to people or organizations in the Town of Ithaca community who carry on his legacy through similar environmental action. More about Dr. Fischer can be found in his obituary at <https://news.cornell.edu/stories/2005/08/conservationist-and-educator-richard-b-fischer-dead-86>.

Submission Details:

The nomination deadline for each award is February 28th of the following year. We invite supplemental materials, such as news articles, photos etc. to be submitted along with the form. Each March, the Conservation Board will review nominations and select awardees based on the following criteria:

- The nature of the project, be it physical, educational or research based.
- The size, scope, location and ultimate potential of the project.
- Cost-effectiveness.
- Applicability of the project, whether it is reproducible or meant for widespread use.
- Level of public awareness or visibility of the project.
- Impact on the Town of Ithaca and its public image.
- The type of benefit produced (preservation, restoration, creation, protection, etc.)
- Potential negative outcomes offsetting benefits.

The final decision will be made during the March Conservation Board meeting. Please fill out and return the form on the subsequent pages to be considered. The form can be filled out electronically or printed and the return email and address are listed at the bottom of the form.

Nominator Contact:

Name: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone Number: _____

Nominee Contact:

Name/Group: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____ Address: _____

Website: _____ Group Leader: _____

Summary of project/action prompting nomination:

Size, scope, and location: What size area and/or audience? What ultimate potential scope? Is the area affected fully or partially in the Town? Does it aim to provide Town-wide benefits, or focused more specifically?

Cost-effectiveness: Does it achieve much for little expense?

Applicability: Is this easily reproduced, or is it applicable for widespread use? Is this likely to encourage other beneficial actions for the Town?

Awareness/Visibility: If a project is physical, how obvious/visible is it? If not, how has the public been made aware?

Impact on the Town of Ithaca: Does the project enhance the Town's public image? Does it present potential for Town government to take additional steps to benefit the environment?

Type of Benefit Produced: Preservation? Restoration? Removal/reduction of negative conditions? Creation of habitat or visual enhancement? Education?

Negative Impacts: Could these have been foreseen and possibly avoided/reduced? Do they outweigh the benefits?

Additional Items Attached: A list naming each is fine. Ex: news articles, photos, web site etc.

To submit this form in writing, address it to the Town of Ithaca Conservation Board, 215 N. Tioga Street, Ithaca, NY 14850. It can be mailed or dropped off in person. To submit electronically, email to conservationboard@town.ithaca.ny.us.