



WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION OF THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN

2024 Award Nominations Guidelines

If you have attended our Recognition Dinner, you have experienced the power of these awards. Drinking water, energy, wastewater treatment, stormwater management, shipping, food and beverage production, pharmaceutical manufacturing – services and products that rely on, and are intrinsically related to, water are often taken for granted. The WRA Recognition Dinner is an opportunity to recognize organizations, projects and individuals who inspire and innovate.

Nominations are now open for the WRA's 2024 Awards. The WRA Recognition Dinner will be September 12th, 2024, at the [Fairmount Water Works](#) in Philadelphia. Please submit nominations to: ed@wradrb.org **by Saturday May 11th**. WRA may not award in every category in a given year.

ELIGIBILITY

- Projects or individual contributions developed during the past five years.
- Projects or concepts, the design, construction and/or implementation of which represent a substantial contribution to sound water resources management.
- Projects or concepts, the design, construction and/or implementation of which promote:
 - Water and land conservation
 - Stormwater management
 - Climate risk management, mitigation and emergency response
 - Drinking water quality and reliability
 - Advances in wastewater treatment or management
 - Water sector, and water related sectors, workforce development
 - Biodiversity
 - Sustainability, and/or resilience
- The project or concept should represent an advancement of knowledge or the application of sound principles of good water management.
- An individual whose services have contributed to sound water management.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Samuel S. Baxter Memorial Award: given to the candidate who best exemplifies the mission of WRA as evidenced by the contribution to sound water management that was the keystone of Philadelphia's former Water Commissioner.



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Innovation & Collaboration - Business and Industry Award: open to all who work and do business within the four-state Basin region, and who exemplify innovation and collaboration in advancing sound water management.

Innovation & Collaboration - Government Award: given to a governmental body or individual who has significantly contributed to sound water management through innovation and collaboration.

Innovation & Collaboration - Research: recognizes exemplary science that advances sustainability and resilience in water, climate change, and related topics.

Waterside Land Development, Conservation and Preservation: recognizes exemplary local efforts to conserve or develop waterside areas, parks, nature preserves and other public spaces designed to promote resilience within the Delaware River Basin.

WRA Achievement Award: for a member or member organization whose services have advanced the cause of sound water resources management.

Special Recognition Award: awarded to an individual or organization providing special input or guidance to water management projects.

Dr. Ruth Patrick Excellence in Education Award: awarded to an individual or organization who educates and informs people of key issues related to the water resources of the Delaware River Basin.

Lifetime Achievement Award: for an individual whose service through his/her lifetime and career has advanced the cause of sound water resources management.

Last year's Awards can be found [here](#) for your reference.

HOW TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS

Nominate yourself, your company or another organization or individual! Please include:

- Award category
- Nominee (include email and telephone number)
- Description of project, concept or contribution
- Scope and cost of project (if available)
- Unique features
- Results and benefits
- Relevant photograph or graphics (if available and appropriate)
- Nominator's name, email address and telephone number



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All entries become the property of the WRA. Materials will be returned upon request. The Awards Committee may use or publish entries and accompanying materials in its advertising publications, or for other editorial purposes.