

Awards Program – Past Recipients

Since the inception of the Environmental Advisory Board Awards Program in 1998, the Baldwin County Commission has recognized the following individuals, agencies, and organizations for their environmental leadership and stewardship of Baldwin County's natural resources.

INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS:

1998 Webster and Min MacCartee, Silverhill, Minamac Wildflower Bog.
1999 Davida R. Hastie, Environmentalist, Friends of the Tensaw
1999 Ed Jackson, Water Quality Activist, Wolf Bay Watershed Watch
2000 Dr. John L. Borom, Director, Fairhope Campus, Faulkner State Community College
2000 Fred Nation, Native Plant Expert
2001 Chan West, Fort Morgan Naturalist
2002 Garland Sims
2003 Larry McDuff
2004 Dr. Harry Larsen
2006 Bob and Polly Simpson
2007 Stan Mahoney
2008 David Yeager
2009 Leslie Lassiter
2010 Arthur Dyas
2010 Jim Horner
2013 Mark Greskovich
2013 Gary Gover
2013 Richard Odess
2013 Tom Hutchings
2013 Ashley Campbell
2022 Cathy Banning
2022 Michael Jordan
2022 Wade Burcham
2023 Jackie McGonigal
2024 Pitman, Turner & Milling Families, TiTi Swamp Land Donation
2025 Ben Raines

SMALL BUSINESS:

1998 Dixie Oaks Conoco, Marlow, John, and Michael Wilson
2000 Audubon Park Apartments, Stillman Knight, Owner
2001 eGo Vehicles, Allen Smith, Owner
2002 Wetland Resources, Inc. Gena Todia
2003 Kicks on the Styx, Vicky McIntyre
2004 Alms Pump Service, Mickey Alms
2007 Ike's Beach Service, Inc., Ike Williams
2008 Blue Water Ships Stores of Alabama
2009 LuLu's at Homeport Marina
2010 Starr Textile Services
2013 Jade Consulting, LLC-Trey Jinright, P.E.
2022 Osprey Initiative, Don Bates
2023 Daphne Utilities, Natural Gas Vehicle Program

- 2024 Cooper Farm, 4-H Community Club
- 2025 Streamline Environmental

LARGE BUSINESS:

- 1998 Flowerwood Nursery, Loxley.
- 2000 Ace Hardware Distribution Center, Loxley (Butler Construction Co.)
- 2001 Baldwin County EMC
- 2006 Sunbelt Environmental, Inc., Jeff Claunch
- 2008 Riviera Utilities
- 2009 Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa
- 2010 Thompson Engineering
- 2022 The Lodge at Gulf State Park, Chandra Wright
- 2023 Porch Creek Indians, Coastal Clean Up Sponsorship
- 2024 Grand Hotel, Sustainable Business Practices

ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION:

- 1998 Weeks Bay Reserve Foundation, Skipper Tonsmeire
- 1999 Baldwin County Master Gardeners, Judy Smith, and Ed Tunnell
- 2000 Wolf Bay Watershed Watch, Gene Labrato, President
- 2001 Coastal Land Trust, Skipper Tonsmeire, President
- 2002 Bay Area Earth Day Committee
- 2003 Laguna Key Volunteer Group
- 2004 Fairhope High School, Environmental Science Club
- 2006 The Nature Conservancy of Alabama, Jeff Danter
- 2008 Smart Coast
- 2009 Southeastern Wildlife Conservation Group
- 2010 Mobile Bay National Estuary Program
- 2013 Graham Creek Nature Preserve
- 2023 Western Shore of Perdido Bay, Watershed Plan Steering Committee
- 2024 Tom & Laurie Eberly, Little Lagoon Oyster Gardening Program

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:

- 1998 Biophilia Nature Center, Elberta, Carol Lovell-Saas and Fred Saas.
- 1999 Daphne Middle School Environmental Education, Jeanne Fox
- 2000 The Pelican's Nest Science Lab, Fairhope K-1 Center
- 2001 Pam Henson, Baldwin County School System
- 2002 Weeks Bay Reserve Education Program, Margaret Sedlecky
- 2003 Baldwin County High, Judy Reeves
- 2004 Daphne High School, Agri-Science, Lance Harbison
- 2006 Alabama Coastal Birdfest, Fran Morely and Dr. John Borom
- 2007 Delta Elementary School, Leah Ann Overstreet, and Sandy Johnson
- 2008 Baldwin County Master Gardeners Association, Sam Andrews, and Susan Wingard
- 2009 Baldwin County Water Festival
- 2010 Baldwin County Master Environmental Educators
- 2022 Dr. Betsy Tipton Daphne High School Watershed Acres
- 2023 Riviera Utilities, MEE, Volunteer Program
- 2024 Jessica Sampley, Gulf Shores High Career Tech Program
- 2025 Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Living Shoreline Program – Eric Sparks

GOVERNMENT AGENCY:

- 1998 Natural Resources Conservation Service, Baldwin County Office
- 1999 City of Fairhope Recycling & Hazardous Waste Program, Kim Smith, Director
- 2000 Utilities Board, City of Gulf Shores
- 2001 FWS Daphne Ecological Services, Larry Goldman, Director
- 2002 City of Foley
- 2003 Magnolia Landfill, Jim Ransom
- 2004 Daphne Utilities Board, Art Rigas
- 2006 City of Daphne, Mayor Fred Small
- 2007 Daphne Utilities Oil Recycling and Biodiesel Programs
- 2009 Town of Magnolia Springs
- 2010 City of Orange Beach
- 2022 City of Fairhope, Richard Johnson
- 2023 ADCNR, Land Acquisitions, Chris Blankenship
- 2024 Orange Beach Wildlife Center, Wildlife Rehab & Restoration
- 2025 USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

STUDENT INITIATIVE:

- 2009 Bay Minette Intermediate School
- 2023 Oliver Caver
- 2024 Cade Kichler, Lillian Recreational Park Wildlife
- 2025 Mason Hobgood

AGRICULTURAL/FORESTRY:

- 1998 Penry Farms, Daphne Bill Penry, Owner
- 1999 Donald Underwood
- 2001 Bee Natural Farm, Fairhope Gwen Snyder & Phil Strniste, Owners
- 2002 Smithfield Farms, Stockton, AL
- 2003 Mullek Farms, Mullek family
- 2004 Dr. Charles Henry Bryars, III
- 2006 Dr. Tommy Swearingen
- 2023 Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Learn to Burn & Prescribed Fire Outreach
- 2024 Baldwin County Soil & Water Conservation, Conservation AG Education Program
- 2025 Tommy Cleverdon

Forestry:

- 2025 B&B Outdoors

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS:

- 1999 Jerry Knaebel, Associate Member BCEAB, Dirt Roads Study, BC Sewer Systems Study
- 2000 Joey Bunch, Mobile Register Environmental Reporter
- 2001 Peter Wiese, Geologist
- 2002 Fairhope United Methodist Church
- 2003 Unitarian Church

2004 Ms. Sonya Wood-Mahler
2007 City of Gulf Shores and Share the Beach
2008 Ms. Nancy Raia of the Eastern Shore Art Center
2009 League of Women Voters of Baldwin County
2009 Cooperative Effort Between Multiple Agencies and Organizations for Protection of the Alabama Red-Bellied Turtle
2022 Brett Gaar
2023 City of Foley & National Fish Wildlife Foundation, Bon Secour River Constructed Wetlands Project
2024 In Memory Andrew Ernest James
2025 In Memory Casey Fulford
2025 Baldwin County Solid Waste Authority Sustainability Programs

NON-PROFIT:

2006 Alabama Gulf Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau, Colette Boehm, and Herb Malone
2022 Little Lagoon Preservation Society, Dennis Hatfield
2023 Student Conservation Association, GulfCorps
2025 Alabama Coastal Foundation

EDUCATION TEACHER:

2024 Tammy Grace, Environmental Education
2025 Charlotte Roberts

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE:

2024 Angie Eckman, Water Watch Steward
2025 Mark Wetzel