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Stewards of the Environment™



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The Honorable Mary A. Glassman
First Selectman
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Dear First Selectman Glassman:

This year, Aquarion Water Company is again sponsoring the Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards program, an opportunity for adults, high school students, non-profits, and small and large businesses in Simsbury and across the state to win recognition for outstanding volunteer efforts to protect or restore Connecticut's natural resources.

As New England's largest investor-owned utility, serving more than 625,000 Connecticut residents, Aquarion has a special appreciation for the accomplishments of our state's environmental volunteers. The Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards program is designed not only to honor those volunteers achieving exemplary results, but also to encourage even broader citizen engagement in local environmental projects.

Winners of the Environmental Champion Award in the adult, small and large business, and non-profit categories will be able to name an environmental non-profit to receive a \$2500 grant given in their name by Aquarion. The winning student (grades 9-12) will take home a \$1000 prize. The awards will be announced at a special celebration to be held on June 7, 2014 at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo. U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal will be in attendance to help present the awards.

The deadline for nominations is May 7, 2014. To help you inform residents about this opportunity, enclosed are posters for your bulletin boards as well as an electronic communications toolkit you can use for your website and social media communications.

Thank you in advance for your support of this program and local volunteerism. You'll find complete details on the program, awards and nomination procedure at aquarionwater.com or [facebook.com/aquarionwater](https://www.facebook.com/aquarionwater). And if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Chuck Firlotte
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