

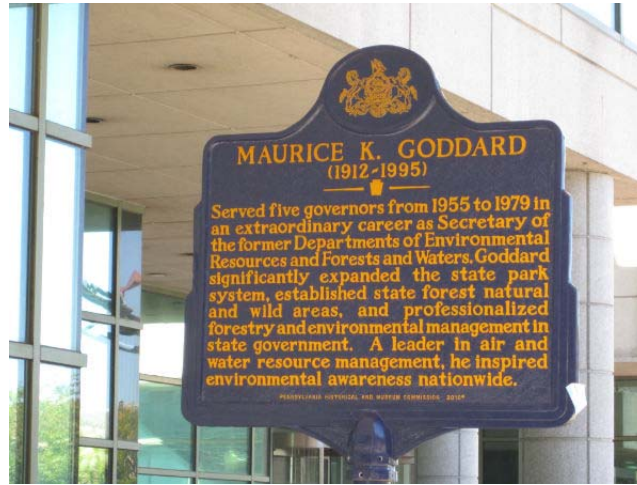


2011
Karl Mason Award
Presentation Dinner

Pennsylvania Association of
Environmental Professionals
Annual Conference

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Maurice K. Goddard Legacy Task Force



Goal: Celebrate the accomplishments of Maurice. K. Goddard and rededicate all Pennsylvanian's to his vision and values for the conservation of our natural resources.

M.K. Goddard served five Pennsylvania Governor's as Secretary of Forest and Waters and as the founding Secretary of the Department of Environmental Resources (1955-1979). His legacy as a public servant includes:

- A commitment to professionalism and civil service
- A state park within 25 miles of every Pennsylvanian
- A watershed scale approach to water management
- Dedicated funding for natural resource conservation – Oil and Gas Fund, Bond Initiatives (Project 500 and Project 70)
- A profound influence on national conservation policy

Projects: Initiatives to build awareness of his legacy and share that legacy of conservation values and good government with all Pennsylvanians through a series of programs, interpretive signs, television, new media, a documentary and involvement in the outdoors.

- Kickoff the project with a walk on the Goddard Memorial Trail in Camp Hill where Goddard lived for almost fifty years (September 12, 2009)
- Provided interpretive panels at 25 State Parks created under his leadership—the 25 is symbolic of his goal of a park within 25 miles of every resident. There were 45 parks added under his leadership.
- Installed five historic markers at key sites to commemorate his work—In front of Rachel Carson State Office Building (his commitment to public service and professionalism), at Mont Alto Campus of PSU (his influence on forestry and wild and natural areas), at MK Goddard (parks) and Delaware Canal State Parks (Delaware and Susquehanna River Basin Commissions), and one in Camp Hill (resident)
- Rededicated the MK Goddard Wilderness Area in the Wykoff Run (Elk State Forest) in the PA State Forest
- Produced an original documentary on the life of MK Goddard in conjunction with WITF

- Held three symposiums on the lessons Goddard’s legacy offers for the future—one that was a sharing of his lessons by peers and employees, the second an environmental forum with a moderated panel of environmental leaders which was taped and televised; the third focused on his life lessons as they could apply to students, and in fact, kicked off the annual Goddard Leadership Symposium at Camp Hill School District
- Oversight of an intern partially funded by PAEP. He successfully completed research that assisted in the production of the documentary
- Provided several lectures on the work of Maurice Goddard
- Several articles were published about his life/leadership
- Creation of a fact sheet on the life of Goddard

Undergoing now: updates to a web site that includes a GIS overlay; the dedication of the fourth corner of the capitol rotunda in his honor (a goal), a traveling exhibit; leadership lessons.

Laurie Popeck



Laurie’s passion for and dedication to the environment began at age 5 when her parents introduced her to the legacy of Rachel Carson. After visiting the Rachel Carson Homestead in Springdale, PA, Laurie felt a strong call to protect the environment. Her deep love of nature grew and she was committed to following in Carson’s footsteps.

Her academic achievements include earning a BS in Environmental Biology from Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts, a MS in Environmental Science and Management and a Paralegal Certificate from Duquesne University in PA.

Laurie helped build and promote the Ohio Watershed Celebration (ORWC) into a successful event. The ORWC is an annual event that is open to the general public at no cost, thanks to Laurie’s sponsorship fundraising. The ORWC is an educational event that illustrates the value of watershed protection and conservation. The ORWC demonstrates, from the unique perspective of Pittsburgh’s Three Rivers, the economic, environmental, and cultural impact that the resources of the Ohio River Watershed have upon the region. The ORWC consists of two cruises from the Gateway Clipper fleet: the “Imagination Cruise” on the Empress for students, parents, and educators, and the “Networker Cruise” on the Majestic for adults. Over 700 attendees participated in the ORWC cruises in 2010. While employed at

Stream Restoration Inc, Laurie was the Steering Committee Director for the event as well as a driving force for its success each year. The ORWC is now in its tenth year.

Along with her full time employment, Laurie is an active volunteer for several organizations. Laurie is the founding member of the Washington County Affiliate of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful (KPB), which was established in 2009. Today, Laurie continues to supervise activities of the Washington County Affiliate including fundraising, recruiting volunteers, organizing cleanups and education/outreach events, tracking the budget, and coordinating all Affiliate activities from press releases to the website.

Laurie also volunteers for the Chartiers Creek Watershed Association. She is a Board Member and participates in quarterly water quality testing and biannual macroinvertebrate sampling as well as local outreach and educational events. During these events, Laurie interacts with stakeholders and assists on projects related to stormwater management, urban sprawl, and illegal dumpsites in order to help restore the watershed.

Laurie is a part-time staff writer at the *Small Town Life and Business News*, writing articles relevant to the community on environmental topics such as Marcellus Shale, watershed association updates, cleanups, and other current events within Washington County.

She is also the Secretary of the League of Women Voters of Washington County and coordinates the Candidate Forums, legislative luncheons, and award receptions with elected officials.

Laurie is currently a Senior Environmental Specialist with GAI Consultants, Inc. where she conducts research and field applications involving wetlands delineation, ecological field surveys, endangered species surveys, and other environmental due diligence studies. During her career, she has been a great communicator for several organizations, acting as a primary liaison to elected officials, government organizations, business representatives, and citizens on environmental issues. She has prepared watershed conservation plans and assessments, collected and analyzed data, and been the driving force for several projects.

She has also participated in radio media interviews designed to acquaint citizens with the value of watershed conservation plans and other important environmental topics. She has conducted initial phases of abandoned mine drainage restoration projects throughout Pennsylvania and has provided a broad array of environmental services including assisting with wetlands planting, plant identification, and benthic macroinvertebrate sampling. Laurie has also written grant proposals for numerous projects from private, state, and federal funding sources to help restore and protect the environment.

Those who know Laurie personally know that she is not only dedicated to being an environmental steward but also to being a loving wife to Steve, her police officer husband, and mom to Trevor (5) and Brooke (3). Her family is her inspiration; the environment that she leaves her children is her motivation. Receiving the Karl Mason Award is both amazing and humbling to Laurie. This honor will be an impetus for her to continue to be a trusted steward of the environment working with diligence and passion.

Past Recipients of the Karl Mason Award

2010 - Gary D. Bloss, for thirty years of exemplary leadership in professional environmental management specializing in community planning, landscape architecture, watersheds, greenways, open space and trails. Notable projects include the Susquehanna Greenway, Monroe County 2020 Vision and Plan, River to Bay Greenway, Pennsylvania Center for the Performing Arts, and Nittany and Bald Eagle Greenway and Bikeway.

2010 - Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring, Dickinson College, for twenty four years of significant contributions to Pennsylvania's environmental quality by providing professional technical assistance and training to volunteer environmental groups and watershed associations to carry out their missions of environmental monitoring, restoration and protection.

2009 - Devra L. Davis, for outstanding and courageous leadership as an environmental professional protecting public health. For a lifetime of exemplary achievements researching and documenting public health issues and hidden costs associated with pollution.

2009 - Montour Run Watershed Association, a small grassroots organization of dedicated volunteers that has made a real difference in the community by improving water quality through stream bank stabilization and acid mine drainage treatment projects resulting in 10 miles of improved streams and removal from streams of 40 tons of acidity per year and 10 tons of metals per year.

2008 - Terry A. Rightnour, for his innovative work in developing and applying natural designs and ecology based technologies to meet water resource protection, restoration, and management needs. Also for outstanding leadership and generosity mentoring future environmental professionals.

2008 - Pennsylvania Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils, for the work it and its nine regional councils are doing to enhance the environment and quality of life in communities throughout Pennsylvania.

2007 - CHEMSWEEP, PA Dept. of Agriculture, for the successful program that removes hundreds of thousands of tons of dangerous chemicals from storage places (many causing actual or potential groundwater pollution) and disposes them in an environmentally safe manner. Pennsylvania's program has received national recognition and has been copied by many States.

2007 - Senator Noah Wenger, Senator Wenger's commitment to the environment, conservation, and the health of family farms has left a lasting legacy in Pennsylvania. He has long understood that the health of our agricultural economy is crucial to the water quality in our rivers and streams, and has acted to ensure the health of both

2006 - Frank H. Felbaum, for his steadfast commitment and dedication as an environmental professional to protecting, restoring and enhancing Pennsylvania's wildlife resources through his leadership of the Wild Resource Conservation Fund.

2006 - R. John Dawes, for his steadfast commitment and dedication as an environmental professional to protecting, restoring, and enhancing Pennsylvania's land and water resources through the effective application of and advocacy of sound agricultural resource conservation, water resource management, and energy conservation practices.

2005 - Gary Alt, for his steadfast commitment and dedication as an environmental professional to protecting, restoring and enhancing Pennsylvania's ecological resources through the effective application of science to black bear and deer management.

2005 - Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation, for its non-profit, non-partisan, local, state, federal, and industry partnerships to improve water quality through cooperative efforts to reclaim abandoned mine lands in the Commonwealth's Appalachian coal communities.

2004 - Somerset Conservation District, for the successful *Casselman River Watershed Major Nonpoint Pollution Assessment and Restoration Plan* which exceeded its intended objectives of assessing major nonpoint pollution sources in the watershed and by producing a Restoration Plan to guide future restoration activities.

2004 - Dan Kunkel, Executive Director of the Wildlife Information Center, recognized for his dedication and involvement in establishing the Wildlife Information Center and negotiating the purchase of what is now the Lehigh Gap Wildlife Refuge.

2003 – Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in recognition of the Growing Greener Program, which supports local watershed groups, county conservation districts, local governments, business people, farmers, teachers, and students by funding local watershed restoration and protection projects, abandoned mine reclamation projects and oil and gas well plugging projects.

2002 - Dr. Arthur C. Hulse, recognized for his career interest in amphibians and reptiles and gravitation to the structure of snake communities, population ecology of aquatic salamanders, and the distribution and abundance of amphibians and reptiles through Pennsylvania.

2001 – Larry J. Schweiger, President, CEO of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, recognized for his lifetime commitment to the protection of Pennsylvania's environment.

2000 - Don Hopey, for his role as an environmental journalist and investigative reporter for the Pittsburgh Post Gazette since 1992

2000 - Dr. Ann F. Rhoads, Ph.D., for her lifetime contribution to cataloging and monitoring the health of Pennsylvania's flora, and her role in co-authoring *The Vascular Flora of Pennsylvania, Annotated Checklist and Atlas*.

1999 - Wayne W. Kober as Director of PennDOT's Bureau of Environmental Quality and Charter Member of PAEP.

1999 - Dr. Bernard Sweeny as Director of the Stroud Water Research Center and lifetime service.

1998 - William R. Adams, Jr., PennDOT Geotechnical Engineer, for his pioneering work in hazardous waste management.

1998 - Paul O. Swartz, Executive Director of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

1998 - Dave Witwer for his lifetime achievement as an Environmental Professional including nearly 20 years as the Executive Director of the Pennypack Watershed Association and as Executive Director of the Delaware and Lehigh Canals National Heritage Corridor Commission.

1997 - Harvey Knauer, for creativity in environmental management while with PennDOT for thirty years (1967-1997).

1987 - Ralph W. Abele, Executive Director of the PA Fish Commission, for producing an inventory and classification system for the fishery resources of Pennsylvania, and for his support of the State's Environmental Protection programs.

1981 - Robert W. McCullough for his leadership in preserving the Pine Creek watershed.

1981 - Clifford L. Jones for his work in providing financial assistance to small drinking water systems in Pennsylvania's establishment of the Water Facilities Loan Program.

1981 - Fred Jones, Conservation Editor of the Pittsburgh Press, whose articles informed many Pennsylvanians about environmental degradation, which helped enhance and strengthen mining legislation.

1980 - Governor Raymond B. Shafer for his efforts in creating the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources.

1980 - Walter A. Lyon for his leadership of Pennsylvania's Clean Streams (1957 to 1979) and work in dam and drinking water safety.

1980 – Senator Franklin L. Kury for his work on environmental legislation, i.e., amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution.

1980 - Water Pollution Control Association of Pennsylvania - recognized in the name of the many municipalities and industries that contributed significantly to the cleanup of 45,000 miles of streams.

1980 - Maurice K. Goddard for his leadership in the field of environmental programs and for serving as the outstanding first Secretary of the Department of Environmental Resources.

1979 - Wesley H. Gilbertson for his accomplishments as Mason's successor in leading the State's Environmental programs through a most difficult period of transition and growth.

1977 - Professors Kardos, Sopper, Farrell and Myers for their accomplishments in connection with The Penn State Living Filter Project.

1971 - Thomas J. Foerster for his work with the Allegheny County Conservation Program.