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2016
Thomas McClenaghan

Nominated by: The City of London, ON

A native Londoner, Thom McClenaghan has been actively engaged as a leader in local conservation issues since the 1980s. His integration through his role as school principal led to the creation of the Arthur Ford Nature Park at Arthur Ford Public School in London, ON. The first Public Elementary School in Canada to introduce link education and the natural world together in this format. The Park was officially opened in 1992 and 25 years later, he continued to be involved with the flourishing of the Park he helped establish. He is an individual who has worked with his knowledge and understanding the importance of conservation.

Clarke Birchard

Nominated by: Saugene Nature, Hanover ON

For more than 35 years, Clarke Birchard was an educator in a variety of roles and a strong proponent of outdoor education. His career included time as a classroom teacher, principal, a science master at London Teachers' College, instructor of environmental science for Nipissing University, London Teachers' College, instructor of environmental science. At the time, it was one of the first programs in the province that offered an environmental science for Nipissing University, London Teachers' College, instructor of environmental science. Throughout those years he was often a presenter at conferences, workshops and courses for teachers. Throughout retirement, he continued to volunteer for many organizations, sharing his knowledge and providing valuable insight. Clarke is one of the strongest advocates and defenders of our environment and has been recognized for his contributions to conservation and stewardship of our water resources. At the time, it was one of the first water festivals held in a rural area.

Richard (Dick) Hunter

Nominated by: Otongame Region Conservation Authority, Peterborough ON

Dick Hunter has over 37 years of influential work in conservation and natural resources management. After participating in the Junior Conservationist program as a boy, he went on to participate in the long-term research at the Long Point Region Conservation Authority. From 1973 to 1987, he worked with Conservation Authorities (CAs) and the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and has been one of the key leaders of "Students Working in an Environmental Enhancement Program" (SWEEP) at the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. He is a strong proponent of the protection of natural resources in his hometown. During this time, he also served as the Chair of the Stowing Committee for the London, Peterborough, and Simcoe County regions. With MNR, he served as Deputy Regional Director of the North Central Region and Regional Director of the Northeast and Southcentral Regions from 1997 to 2002. In these positions, Dick dealt with a variety of issues like the Matchewan Tailings Pond Spill near Kirkland Lake in 1990, and the aftermath of the ice storm in Ontario in 2013.

Gord MacPherson

Nominated by: Toronto and Region Conservation Ontario, Toronto ON

Gord MacPherson's achievements in environmental protection and the protection of water resources are significant. He has been instrumental in creating initiatives to protect the Coves Environmentally Significant Area (ESA) and the Coves Subwatershed in the heart of the city of London. In 1968, he became one of Art Latornell's protégés. In 1972, as a student, Dick supervised one of the early studies on the Coves Subwatershed Study in 2004 with its 99 recommendations and, in 2014, his efforts on the Coves ESA Project helped the development of the Coves Subwatershed Study. Dick's work helped promote the development of a regional solution to lake management, including the Integrated Shoreline Management Plan (ISMP). The Toronto Waterfront Aquatic Habitat Restoration Strategy (TWARMS 2005) in which he played a significant role.

Peter Gray

Nominated by: Waterloo Wellington Children’s Groundwater Festival, Kitchener ON

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Peter Gray’s knowledge of hydrogeology and commitment to educating our youth has been instrumental in developing activities for Water Festivals. As a volunteer Chair of the Children’s Groundwater Festival, Peter has helped create the Children’s Water Education Council in 2001. The council has a mandate to promote and protect the environment, the ecosystem, and the water industry.

Peter Gray’s knowledge of hydrogeology, knowledge of environmental issues, and his dedication to the importance of water have made him one of the most influential figures in environmental education. His involvement in conservation is significant and his legacy in the field of environmental protection will continue to inspire future generations.
From 1987 to 2000, Dick dealt with a variety of issues like water conservation, serving as President in 1976. During this time, Dick was actively involved in the Ontario Chapter of the Soil & Water Conservation Society, serving as President in 1983. Clarke received the COEO President’s Award for teachers. Throughout retirement, he continues to volunteer for many conservation and stewardship of our water resources. At the time, it was one of the first water festivals held in a rural area.

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