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## **Aquarion Water Company Announces Winners of Statewide Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards**

*Fifth annual awards recognize standout volunteer efforts to preserve  
Connecticut's environment*

**BRIDGEPORT, CONN. – June 8, 2015** – On Saturday, June 6, Aquarion Water Company announced the winners of the fifth annual Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards at a ceremony held at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo.

Aquarion accepted hundreds of nominations from across the state in four categories: Business, Non-Profit Organization, Adult and Student (Grade 9-12). The awards recognize volunteer projects that have significantly contributed to the improvement of environmental quality through the protection, conservation, restoration and stewardship of Connecticut's water, air, soils, and plant and wildlife habitats.

The winning entries for 2015 are:

- **Business:** PerkinElmer, Inc. in Shelton; \$2500 grant to environmental non-profit of its choice
- **Non-Profit:** Mill River Wetland Committee of Fairfield: \$2500 grant
- **Adult:** Shelley Harms of Norfolk; \$2500 grant to environmental non-profit of her choice
- **Student:** Stefanie Milovic from New Fairfield High School; \$1000 award

“As stewards of the environment, Aquarion constantly seeks new ways to preserve Connecticut's natural beauty and resources,” said Charles V. Firlotte, President and CEO of Aquarion Water Company. “We are pleased to recognize the businesses, individuals and organizations who share that goal and dedicate their time, energy and talents to these important initiatives.”

The award ceremony was part of the 2015 Wild Wine, Beer and Food Safari, the Beardsley Zoo's annual fundraising event. Presenters for Saturday's ceremony included United States Senator Richard Blumenthal and John Betkoski III, Vice Chairman of the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority.

The panel of independent judges for this year's awards was headed by John Herlihy, Aquarion's Vice President of Water Quality and Environmental Management, and included Sally Harold, Director of Restoration and Fish Passage - The Nature Conservancy; Christopher Klemmer, Environmental Engineer; James Little, Development Director - Connecticut Forest & Park

Association; Melissa Mulrooney, Executive Director & CEO - Stamford Museum & Nature Center; Jessica Summers, Director of Development and Marketing - Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo; Michael Swann, Environmental Engineer; and Andrew Wood, Senior Vice President of External Relations - Mystic Aquarium.

Details on the winning entries as well as photographs from Saturday's ceremony are available at [www.aquarionwater.com](http://www.aquarionwater.com).

***About Aquarion Water Company:***

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 625,000 people in 51 cities and towns throughout Connecticut, as well as serving customers in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. It is the largest investor-owned water utility in New England and among the seven largest in the U.S. Based in Bridgeport, Conn., it has been in the public water supply business since 1857. Across its operations, Aquarion strives to act as a responsible steward of the environment and to assist the communities it serves in promoting sustainable practices.

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