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Aquarion Water Company Announces Winners of Statewide Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards

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

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. – June 10, 2013 – On Saturday, June 8, Aquarion Water Company announced the winners of the third annual Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards at a ceremony held at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo.

For the third year in a row, the Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards program accepted nominations from across the state in four categories: Business (Large and Small), 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 2013 are:

- **Large Business:** The Hartford of Hartford; \$2500 grant to environmental non-profit of its choice
- **Small Business:** Piela Electric of Preston; \$2500 grant to environmental non-profit of its choice
- **Non-Profit:** Farmington River Watershed Association of Simsbury; \$2500 grant
- **Adult:** Michael Aikenhead of Westport; \$2500 grant to environmental non-profit of his choice
- **Student:** (Tie) Megan Lemieux of Wethersfield and Christian Lofthouse of Milford; \$1000 savings bond

“The stewardship of our natural resources is a core value at Aquarion Water Company,” said Charles V. Firlotte, President and CEO of Aquarion Water Company. “We are pleased to be able to once again recognize businesses, organizations and individuals from across the state who have made significant, lasting contributions to Connecticut’s environment.”

The award ceremony was part of the 2013 Wild Wine, Beer and Food Safari, the Beardsley Zoo’s annual fundraising event. In addition to Aquarion’s Firlotte, presenters for Saturday’s ceremony included United States Senator Richard Blumenthal and Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Commissioner Daniel Esty.

The panel of independent judges for these awards was headed by John Herlihy, Aquarion’s Director of Water Quality and Environmental Management.

Details on the winning entries as well as photographs from Saturday’s ceremony are available at: <http://www.aquarion.com/CT.cfm/section/2013Awards/page/2013AwardWinners>.

About Aquarion Water Company:

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 625,000 people in 47 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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