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Aquarion Water Company Announces Winners of Statewide Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards

*Awards recognize standout volunteer efforts to protect and restore
Connecticut's environment*

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. – June 5, 2012 – On Saturday, June 2, the Aquarion Water Company announced the winners of the second annual Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards at a ceremony held at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo. The ceremony was part of the 2012 Wild Wine, Beer and Food Safari, the Beardsley Zoo's annual fundraising event.

Now in its second year, the Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards program accepted nominations from across the state in four categories: Business (Large and Small), Non-Profit Organization, Adult and Youth (Grade 9-12). The awards recognized 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.

Winning entries included:

- **Large Business:** Pitney Bowes of Shelton; \$2500 grant to environmental non-profit of its choice
- **Small Business:** Harvest Moon Timber Frame of Morris; \$2500 grant to environmental non-profit of its choice
- **Non-Profit:** Tie – Wildlife in Crisis (WIC) of Weston and Glastonbury High School's Club Council; \$2500 grant to environmental non-profit of its choice
- **Adult:** Dr. Marc Taylor of Southbury; \$2500 grant to environmental non-profit of his choice
- **Youth:** Elisabeth Smith of Stamford; \$1000 savings bond

”We were impressed not only with the leadership that our winners demonstrated in their efforts to preserve our state’s environment, but also the substantial results that their hard work delivered,” said Charles V. Firlotte, President and CEO of Aquarion Water Company. “Aquarion continuously seeks ways to contribute to the well-being of Connecticut’s environment, and we are pleased to recognize these winners who share that goal.”

Presenters for Saturday’s ceremony included United States Senator Richard Blumenthal, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Commissioner Daniel Esty, and John DeAugustine, Group Publisher for Hearst Media Services of Connecticut.

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

About Aquarion Water Company:

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 600,000 people in 44 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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