



Connecticut Board of Trustees  
EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION

Working Lands Alliance  
*A Project of American Farmland Trust*

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TO: Connecticut Agriculture Leaders & Organizations;  
Connecticut Conservation and Natural Resource Organizations;  
Connecticut Municipalities; Connecticut State Agencies

FROM: CT Board of Trustees for the Eastern States Exposition &  
Working Lands Alliance

DATE: 7/13/09

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## SEEKING NOMINATIONS

The CT Board of Trustees for the Eastern States' Exposition (the Big E) and The Working Lands Alliance are currently seeking nominations for the ***Farmland Preservation Pathfinder Awards***.

**Deadline is September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

Pathfinder winners will be recognized twice.

First, each winner will be invited to attend the CT Board of Trustees Luncheon on 'Connecticut Day' at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, which will be at noon on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. *There is a limit of one representative of each winner that may attend the luncheon.*

Second, each winner will be presented with a framed award at the Working Lands Alliance Annual Meeting at the Capitol in Hartford (tentatively scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.). *There is no limit to the number of representatives that may attend this event.*

**Deadline for acceptance of nomination forms is Sept 4th, 2009.**

*If you have any questions, contact Jiff Martin of Working Lands Alliance at 860-683-4230*

*Home of The Big E*

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### **Background**

Established in 2003, the Farmland Preservation Pathfinder Awards are designed to recognize individuals and groups that have significantly advanced farmland preservation through leadership, advocacy, planning, and education.

### **Sponsorship**

The CT Trustees of the Eastern States Exposition generously provide funding in support of the Farmland Preservation Pathfinder Awards. The CT Trustees sponsor activities that further the goals of the Eastern States Exposition, including support for special groups that preserve and promote ESE, state day activities, media promotions and entertainment for the Big E, and bringing groups to the Big E which may not have an opportunity of visiting otherwise.

Working Lands Alliance (WLA) provides in-kind coordination to the Pathfinder Awards. WLA is a broad-based advocacy coalition working together to increase the state's commitment to farmland preservation. WLA is a project of American Farmland Trust.

### **Judging**

Judges for the Farmland Preservation Pathfinder Awards have historically included representatives of the CT Board of Trustees for the Eastern States' Exposition, CT General Assembly, Connecticut Farmland Trust, as well as a past Pathfinder Winner. Selection of the winners is usually within one week of the nomination deadline.

#### **2008 Winners**

- ◇ *Linda Francois*
- ◇ *New Milford Farmland Preservation Committee*
- ◇ *Dinners at the Farm*

#### **2007 Winners**

- ◇ *Dawn Adiletta, Chair of Woodstock Open Space Land Acquisition and Farmland Preservation Committee*
- ◇ *Town of Lebanon*
- ◇ *Connecticut Tour des Farms Committee*

#### **2006 Winners**

- ◇ *William Paradis*
- ◇ *Town of Guilford Agriculture Steering Committee & Guilford Land Acquisition Commission*
- ◇ *Green Valley Institute*

#### **2005 Winners**

- ◇ *John Turenne, Sustainable Food Systems, Inc.*
- ◇ *Simsbury Land Trust*
- ◇ *CT Natural Resource Conservation Service*

#### **2004 Winners**

- ◇ *Mayor Mark Lauretti, Shelton*
- ◇ *Southbury Land Trust*
- ◇ *Woodstock Coordinating Committee for Celebrating Agriculture Fair*

#### **2003 Winners**

- ◇ *Robin Chesmer, Graywall Farms*
- ◇ *Terry Jones, Jones Family Farm*
- ◇ *Phil Chester & Town of Suffield*
- ◇ *Connecticut Envirothon*

## FARMLAND PRESERVATION PATHFINDER AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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**Complete the following and return with a 1-2 page nomination letter** that specifies the nominee's accomplishments and their impact on farmland preservation in Connecticut. PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE about accomplishments (e.g. number of acres protected, amount of funding raised for farmland preservation, number of people educated about farmland preservation tools, etc).

**RETURN BY SEPT 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2009. FAX TO 860-683-4275 or email [jmartin@farmland.org](mailto:jmartin@farmland.org)**

Select only one award category below:

**Outstanding Individual Award**

*For outstanding achievement by an individual in advancing farmland preservation in the State of Connecticut.*

**Outstanding Group Award**

*For outstanding achievement by a group (public, private, or non-profit) in advancing farmland preservation in the State of Connecticut.*

**Education Leader Award**

*For significant contributions in the area of educating the public about the importance of farmland preservation (individual or group is eligible).*

	NOMINEE:
NAME	
TITLE	
ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE	
E-MAIL	

**Submitted by:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT A NOMINATION WITHOUT A 1-2 PAGE LETTER  
THAT SPECIFIES THE NOMINEE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS!!**