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Each year, the Fairfax County Environmental Excellence Awards honor individual residents, organizations or businesses, and County employees who advance or support the County's environmental goals and policies. The honorees dedicate personal time and expertise beyond their normal civic, fiscal, or professional responsibilities and they consistently demonstrate leadership as role models for others.

In 2022, five awardees were named by the Environmental Quality Advisory Council on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. Together, these honorees have devoted countless hours to the improvement of the natural environment in the County through public advocacy, volunteerism, the implementation of programs and sustainability strategies, and mentorship.

Therefore, today, we would like to recognize the five winners of the 2022 Fairfax County Environmental Excellence Awards.

The County Employee category included three winners. They are:

Dr. Katherine Edwards, who serves as a Wildlife Management Specialist for the Fairfax County Police Department. By proactively monitoring the white-tailed

deer population in the county for the very serious threat, chronic wasting disease, Dr. Edwards is protecting both the future of the deer population and human health and safety.

Brandy Mueller, Environmental Compliance Coordinator for Land Development Services. In this role, Brandy has created new processes to prevent and remediate environmental harm from land development and vegetation removal, especially in resource protection areas within the county.

And Charles Smith, a Project Coordinator with Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. Charles has been a leading advocate for enhancing the ecological restoration of stream corridors and associated floodplains and for promoting the use of natural landscaping using native plants and seed mixtures.

The Individual Resident category included two winners. They are:

Will Friedman, a rising senior at West Potomac High School, who is being recognized for his exceptional achievements and leadership efforts to better the environment. Will began participating in organized clean ups in and around Little Hunting Creek beginning in middle school. Later, his activities included working with county and school staff and community volunteers to coordinate the planting of trees at over 20 school properties. Will has been particularly active in the areas of stream monitoring, the removal of invasive plants, tree planting, and trash and recycling initiatives, even volunteering to pick up and take glass to the purple bin for incapacitated neighbors. And he's done all this while maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

And Elisabeth Lardner, the volunteer Chair of the Civic Association of the Hollin Hills Parks Committee since 2016. In this capacity, Elisabeth has performed two vital roles: she is a dedicated steward of over 30-plus acres of



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shared community parkland and is also a community liaison for two major stream restoration/storm water management projects currently underway in Hollin Hills. Woven throughout Elisabeth's tenure as Parks Chair is her commitment to educating those in Hollin Hills about their parks and the environment in general. She is a cheerleader for volunteerism, an advocate for the wise and sustainable management of our parks, and a dedicated and passionate lover of the out-of-doors.

We are very fortunate to have these leaders working in our community. Their efforts ensure that county residents and visitors can continue to enjoy a healthy, safe, vibrant, and beautiful natural environment for years to come.

Therefore, we move that the Board direct the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination to recognize and publicize the winners.