



Conservation Awards Criteria for Nominations

Land Conservation Award

Recognizes individuals, families, community groups, and organizations whose contributions demonstrate notable achievements in preserving Boulder County's open space lands through sale or donation of land or conservation easements, donation of funds, or through significant activities that resulted in the preservation of open space.

Environmental Stewardship Award

Recognizes individuals, families, community groups, and organizations for contributions and activities that have made a significant impact on the conservation, preservation, and/or protection of Boulder County's land-based environmental resources through on-the-ground actions or program management. These activities may include the preservation or restoration of wildlife, agricultural, or natural ecosystems, or open space and conservation education.

Cultural and Historic Preservation Award

Recognizes individuals, families, community groups, and organizations whose contributions demonstrate notable achievements in preserving Boulder County's heritage through historic and cultural preservation projects. Projects could include promotion or preservation of cultural practices or cultural history through interpretation, education, or research; or protection of historic or prehistoric resources through design/planning, preservation, or rehabilitation.

Community Connections Award

Recognizes individuals, families, community groups, and organizations for programs and activities that have made a significant community impact and/or reach underserved residents of Boulder County. These programs include activities that connect the community to open space values, goals, and access to public parks and trails.

Selection Criteria:

Describe the nominee's achievements using the following criteria as a guideline (not all criteria are required and may not be applicable):

1. How the project or program makes a positive community impact and/or reaches underserved residents of Boulder County.
2. Unique challenges addressed with the project or program.
3. Time span of project or land preservation effort.
4. Historical, cultural, or ecological significance of the property/project/program.
5. If the project involves a property:
 - a) Condition of the property before the project and how it has improved.
 - b) Has soil been conserved, waters managed (both irrigation and natural surface waters), and/or habitats for wildlife developed or diversified?
6. Activities that educate or increase public awareness of open space values and goals.
7. Recognition of the history and cultures of Indigenous people, American Indians, and people of color in Boulder County.
8. Demonstrated initiative, leadership in, and advocacy for project or cause.
9. Collaboration with adjacent landowners or other stakeholders.
10. Finished project met stated goals or programs are successfully underway.

People may not nominate themselves nor are they permitted to nominate organizations of which they are an officer or director. Official projects of federal, state, county, special district, and municipal government agencies are not eligible to be nominated. The project or transfer of land must have been completed within the last five years. Projects or bodies of work that have already received a Conservation Award are not eligible.

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