



Rockbridge Area Conservation Council

Annual Meeting
November 8, 2020

Program

- 3:45 p.m. Zoom meeting will be available for a everyone to join and chat
- 4:00 p.m. Business Meeting
Annual Report, including photos of several 2020 projects
Presentation of Awards
Election of Board and Officers
- 4:45 p.m. Adjournment (Zoom meeting will stay live for people who wish to visit)

Conservation Awards

David and Goliath Award to Allegheny-Blue Ridge Alliance, under the inspiring leadership of **Lewis Freeman**, for building a coalition of 51 organizations that succeeded against all odds in compelling Dominion Energy and Duke Energy to abandon the Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

Relentless Warriors Award to the Southern Environmental Law Center, in recognition for their dedicated pursuit of justice and tireless work, using the power of the law to challenge the construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

Praemium Pro Conservatione Naturae Gratis Adiuvanda to the W&L Law School Community Legal Practice Center, for their dedication to the quality of community life and generous pro-bono legal services in creating the Sunnyside Trail and the Uncas Trail.

Nominees to the RACC Board of Directors



McKinley A. Williams was born in suburban Philadelphia, PA and reared in Detroit, MI. McKinley was educated at the Texas Southern University in Houston and the Andover Newton Theological School in Boston. Before arriving in Lexington, Williams pastored in Detroit for more than 20 years. Since 2017, Reverend Williams has been the celebrated Senior Minister of the First Baptist Church of Lexington, VA. While in Lexington, he serves on several Boards and is involved in the Community. His passion for a cleaner environment developed after he closely viewed the Flint Water Crisis.



Melody Tennant spent 38 years in education and administration, mostly at a 3,000-student high school in California. There was never a dull moment in this profession and she loved it. The day after she retired in 2008, she moved to Rockbridge Co., married her friend from UC Berkeley days, Butch Snow, and got involved in health and environmental education in area schools. She is a founding board member of *Shenandoah Green*, and spent 2019 immersed in plastic reduction education, including orchestrating the construction of a large mesh whale to collect plastic waste and developing curriculum about plastics. The whale had visited almost every school in Staunton and Augusta Counties and was headed to Lexington schools when the pandemic hit. She has a son and granddaughter in Las Vegas and stepchildren in Staunton and Russia. Her granddaughter has spent summers here since she was 5.

Current members nominated for new terms:

Bob Biersack, Cliff Kiracofe, Sally Nunneley, Charles Winder, and Chris Wise

RACC expresses its profound appreciation to **Fred Fevrier** for his many years of service as a board member, committee chair, and tireless volunteer, on the occasion of his retirement from the board.

Please remember RACC in your year-end giving

RACC works on behalf of all of us to protect the natural resources and cultural treasures of Rockbridge County. Your generous, charitable donation is more important in 2020 than ever before. *Donations can be made online at RockbridgeConservation.org or by mail at P.O. Box 564, Lexington, VA 24450.*