

MRPA Past Award Recipients

MRPA Hall of Fame

2005	Jim Bristor Harry Burns Arch Flannery Herb Jennings Hubert Johnson David Laidlaw Lawrence Moser Virginia Munger Karla V. Parker R. Eric Reickel Jesse Rutherford Joe Seavey Benjamin Yack
2006	Jim Beers Jim Bruce John Considine Jack Golden William Kreger Harold Myron Jim Perry James Reid Henry Schubert Lew Wint
2007	Tom Chappelle David Ewalt Anthony Filippis Sr. Kerry Kammer Chuck Oxley William Sherman Kenneth Smithee Tomas Washington Chase Hammond Roger Kowalski Chuck Lewis Betty Lloyd Olga Mader Curt Shaneour Susan Wedley Margaret Whitehead
2009	David "Bud" Brown Hurley Coleman, Jr. Michael Engan Larry Fitch Peter Harlow Luther T. Holt R. Dan Musser R. Dan Musser III Ralph Richard Donald Sparpana
2011	Melvin George Bailey Jeffrey T. Coupie Gertrude (Trudy) Cross Theodore D'Pulos Geraldine Jackson Jon Kipke Ronald R. Reinke John William (Bill) Rhodes Louis F. Twardzik
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Fellowship Award

1958	John Considine - Detroit Henry Schubert - Dearborn James Reid - Midland
1959	Lou Holloway - Ann Arbor Arch Flannery - Battle Creek Walter Farrar - Trenton
1960	Guy Shipps - Midland Clarence Brewer - N.R.A. Ben Hellenberg - Monroe Pete Moser - Kalamazoo Homer Fish - Wheeling, W. Va.
1961	C.O. Brown - Battle Creek Teresa Wagner - Detroit Hubert Johnson - Detroit

1962	Olga Madar - Detroit U.A.W. Harold Myron - Highland Park Lina Tyler - Flint Frank Weeber - River Rouge Herb Kipke - Lansing David Brown - Ferndale Harold Manchester - Dearborn Louis Twardzik - M.S.U.
1963	Don Drake - Battle Creek Mal Elliott - Saginaw Chase Hammond - Muskegon Edward T. McGowen - Detroit Ben Yack - Wyandotte Dr. Lloyd Olds - E.M.U.
1964	Ross Kressler - Midland Everett Scherich - Jackson Margaret Whitehead - Lansing Herbert Woolweaver - Plymouth
1965	David Ewalt - Pontiac Paul Bennett - Howell Wilma Clizbe - Dearborn John Lounsbury - Detroit Caddie Gerrie - Highland Park Beatrice Ryan - Dearborn Nicholas Kirk, Jr. - Kalamazoo Russell Daubert - M.S.U.
1966	Charles Oxley - Ann Arbor Harry Burns - Grand Rapids Joe Seavey - D.N.R. Edwin L. Abbott - Ypsilanti John Dufour - Livonia David Laidlaw - H.C.M.A. Donald Martin - C.M.U. Glenn Gregg - D.N.R. Betty J. Lloyd - Detroit Stan Olszewski - Kalamazoo Gertrude Cross - Flint
1967	Roscoe Washington - Detroit Stanley Kracht - Detroit James A. Bruce - Flint
1968	Joe Moran - Holland John Lindell - Royal Oak Ken Smithee - Genesee Co. John Streit - Pontiac Mel Bailey - Westland Bill Upina - D.N.R. Theodore J. Haskell - Lansing David Russell - Midland
1970	Peter C. Harlow - Detroit Harold E. Rice - Mt. Clemons Matt Urban - Holland Jim Beers - D.N.R. Betty Moore - Oak Park
1971	Thomas Chappelle - Sterling Hts. James T. Perry - Royal Oak Fred R. Boucher - Sault Ste. Marie R. Eric Reickel - Oakland Co. Robert W. Tooley - Berkley J. William Rhodes III - East GR Donald Sparpana - Wyoming Larry W. Fitch - Trenton
1972	Donald E. Mofatt - Midland Sam Palamara - Wyandotte Don E. Smith - Muskegon Bill Gibbs - Trenton Dick Shafer - H.C.M.A.
1973	Virginia Jagers Munger - Detroit Susan Wedley - Royal Oak John J. Kipke - Oakland Co. Luther T. Holt - Highland Park Richard J. Kirchner - C.M.U. Barbara T. Tait - Detroit
1974	Dr. James Bristor - M.S.U. G. Patrick Doyle - C.M.U. Roger L. Kowalski - Troy R. J. Wiacek - Garden City D. J. Gaynor - Farmington Hills Charles Lewis - Detroit
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1985	Geraldine Jackson - Detroit Gerald Nelson - St. Clair Shores
1986	James P. Pompo - H.C.M.A.
1987	E. W. Burkeen Jr. - H.C.M.A.
1988	Ralph Richard - Oakland Co.
1989	Robert J. Flynn - M. Pleasant Steve Gillette - Royal Oak Anne McCarter - W. Bloomfield Roger Coles - C.M.U. Portia Fields-Anderson - Pontiac
1990	Ann Conklin - Independence Twp.
1991	Rodney Stokes - D.N.R.
1992	Hurley Coleman Jr. - Wayne Co.
1993	Ric Scott - Muskegon Dr. Steven N. Waller - Flint
1994	Mike Zuziak - Grand Rapids
1995	William Sherman - H.C.M.A.
1996	Mary Winegar - Lansing
1997	Joel Casey - Sterling Hts.
1998	Dean Wallin - C.M.U.
1999	Victor Chiasson - E.M.U.
2000	Mike Engan - Engan-Tooley-Doyle
2001	Tim Doyle - Engan-Tooley-Doyle
2002	Traci Sincok - Northville
2003	Mary Scheurer - Portland
2004	Salvatore DiCaro - Macomb Twp. Ron Olson - Michigan D.N.R.
2005	Tim Schreiner - Grand Traverse Co.
2006	Linda Walter - Clinton Twp.
2007	Mickey Alderman - Clawson
2008	Carol Anderson - Troy
2009	Roy Vultaggio - Oak Park
2010	Bill Waterhouse - Southfield
2011	Mike McDonald - Michigan DNR
2012	Stu Alderman - Neighborhood Club

New Professional

1993	Marda Hinkley - Battle Creek
1994	Tessie Pitses - Wayne County
1995	Theresa Florian - Kentwood
1996	Renee Johnson-Otote - Flint
1997	Jim Dunleavy - Oakland Co.
1998	Ron Davis - Oxford Twp. Bruce Ross - Van Buren Twp. Jennifer Schnefke - Oak Park Pam Kirbach - H.C.M.A.
1999	Michael Boyd - Oakland Co.
2000	John Judnich - Grand Rapids
2001	Kate Schumann - Huntington Wds.
2002	Nancy Cowan - W. Bloomfield
2003	Liz Kaczmarek - Clinton Twp.
2004	Jon LaFever - Canton Twp. Phil Castonia - Oxford Twp.
2005	Kelly Hyer - Independence Twp.
2006	Emily Stevens - Lansing
2007	Marcella Corp Post - Clare
2007	Kyle Langlois - Sterling Heights
2008	Adrienne Schumacher - Holland
2008	April Heier - Clinton Twp.
2009	Jason Jones - Grand Traverse Co.
2009	Cristin Spiller - Oak Park Recreation
2010	Ann Shaw - City of Marysville Greg Grothous - Meridian Twp.
2011	Drew Burns - Van Buren Twp.
2012	Maia Stephens - Michigan DNR

Recreation Leadership

1977	William Svochak - Detroit Booker Dozier - Inkster
1978	Victor Chiasson - Oakland Co.
1979	Joe J. Delia, Jr. - Sterling Hts. Shirley Harbin - Detroit Mike Mushett - Wayne Co. Margaret Hossack - Detroit
1980	Thomas Harter - Battle Creek
1981	June Holzscnu - Southgate
1983	Karen C. Linn - Wm. B. Hosp.

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1984 Marty McGuire - Midland
Charles Yakemonis – East Lansing
1985 Joan Adleman - Fraser
1986 Helen Cerny - Sterling Hts.
Steven Waller - Flint
1987 Cindy Burkhour - Georgetown
Marye Miller - Rochester OPC
1988 Marguerite Kane - Royal Oak
Marilyn Hoover - Flint
1989 Stuart Alderman - Troy
Harold Popp - Wyandotte
1990 Cynthia Guzi - Sterling Hts.
1991 Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz - Ypsilanti Twp.
Marilyn Troshak - Novi
1992 Lori Hart - Waterford
Joanna Perna - Trenton
1993 Kathy Crawford - Novi
1994 Chris Bundy - Mt. Pleasant
1995 Deborah Steggles - Kentwood
Daniel Stencil - Oakland Co.
1996 William Martinez - Pontiac
1997 Sandra Dorey - Oakland Co.
1998 Sally Wesorick - Grand Rapids
1999 Rebecca Rynbrandt - Wyoming
2000 Kit Frey - Okemos
2001 Carla Scruggs - Saline
2002 Brandy Boyd - RARA
Brett Kaschinske – Lansing
2003 Eric Tomkins - Wyoming
Larry LaMange - Grand Rapids
2004 Pete Baum - Battle Creek
2005 Bobbie Wilson – Roseville
2006 Darrin Duistermars – Holland Twp
Colette Nutton – Huntington Wds
2007 Tony Noyola - Lansing (Honorary)
Kendall Klingelsmith--Kentwood
2008 Carla Vaughan – Troy
2009 Julie Bouma – Oak Crest Manor
Mike Devlin – Meridian Township
2010 Bryan Farmer – Farmington Hills
2011 Derek Smith, SELCRA
2012 Scott Pratt - Novi
Troy Stowell - Lansing

Park Resources Leadership

1968 Kenneth Peldo - H.C.M.A.
1969 James Baugh - Flint
1970 Daniel Craig - Oak Park
1971 Robert Stokes Sr. - Detroit
1972 Robert Stokes Jr. - Detroit
Carlton Bennett - Okemos
1973 Robert Hofer - Detroit
1976 Adam Helzer - H.C.M.A.
1977 Richard Dahn - H.C.M.A.
1978 James Cash - H.C.M.A.
1981 Steve Gillette - Royal Oak
Ray Browne - Birmingham
Jack Kerr - Ann Arbor
1982 Jack Cochran - Midland
1983 John Harmon - Delta Twp.
John Hoving - Grand Rapids
1984 William Lawrence - Ann Arbor
John Major - Troy
1985 Franklin D. Davis - Oak Park
Robert G. Strejc - Midland
1986 Paul Pounders - Midland Co.
Don Vettraino – Huntington Woods
1987 G. Baderschneider – Isabella Co.
Ron Parent - Royal Oak
1988 Ray DeLasko - Oakland Co.
1989 John Nugent - Flint
John Sowles - Oakland Co.
1990 James Agee - Oak Park
Robert A. Cool - Lansing
1991 Dave Coates - Wyoming
1992 John Freeman - Flint

Wiley VanHooser - Wayne Co.
1993 Jack Lewis - Novi
1994 Mike Marsh - Isabella Co.
1995 Alan Buckenmeyer - Rochester Hills
David Burley - W. Bloomfield Twp.
1996 Rollie A. Read - Portage
1997 Bill Remer - H.C.M.A.
1998 Brad Baker - Oakland Co.
1999 Ted Boehmer - Sterling Hts.
2000 Charles McDiarmid - H.C.M.A.
2001 Donald Gibson - Ann Arbor
2002 Matt Warba - Ann Arbor
2003 Doug Koons - Ingham County Parks
2004 Joseph Jolly - H.C.M.A.
2005 Scot Stillman - Meridian Township
2006 Mark T. Colombo – Troy
Clyde Herb – Oakland County
2007 Roger Colvin – Wyoming
2008 Gary Huizenga – Kent Co.
2009 Mike Wilhite – Oakland Co.
2010 Dave Reynolds – Canton Twp.
2011 Tim Wosik, Sterling Heights
2012 Brittany Bird – Oakland Co.

Special Award

1961 Ira Waite Jayne - Detroit
Helen S. Field - Highland Park
1964 Dr. Frank Oktavec - Wayne State
1965 K. Hallenbeck - H.C.M.A.
1966 Charles Mott - Flint
Helen Coover - Kalamazoo
1967 Mrs. J. Parker - Grand Rapids
Bernard Lasky - Detroit
1968 H. Jennings - Game Time
Judy Spiewak - Warren
1969 Earle Riseman - Detroit
Genevieve Gillette - Ann Arbor
1971 G. Rideout - Flint
1972 Gov. W. G. Milliken - Lansing
1973 Mike Adray - Detroit
1974 Walter Brooks - Muskegon
1975 Delores Bennett - Detroit
John E. Fetzer - Detroit
Norman Juhola - Negaunee
Lloyd C. Hartman - Wyoming
1976 George Olson - Saginaw Twp.
M. Powlesland - Temperance
1977 Lloyd A. Stage - Troy
1978 Frank McPharlin - St. Clair Shores
James C. Smith - Holt
Dr. R. Steen - Grand Rapids
1979 Dick Rogers - Royal Oak
Delora Yori - Garden City
John Greenslit - MRPA
1980 Walt Balcom - Coldwater
George Gillies - Westland
Howard Woods - Jackson
1981 Gerson Lacroff - Oak Park
James W. Potter - Flint
Joseph Rivers - Dearborn
1982 Glenn Casey - Petoskey
Marjorie Walker - Oakland Co.
1983 William H. Haitco - Saginaw Co.
1984 John J. D'Agostino - U.A.W.
Bertha Pollard - Chesterfield Twp.
1985 A. "Tony" Kulik - Wyandotte
Enoch L. Nelson - Royal Oak
1986 Lewis Wint - Oakland Co.
Tony Filippis - Detroit
John Miller - Southfield
1987 Janet Kayga - Pontiac
Herbert Russell - Buchanan
Bernard Van Pelt - Inkster
1988 Dr. & Mrs. Louis Imerman - Saginaw
Harold Meininger - Royal Oak
Floyd Fielder - Flint
Lissus Walker - Flint

1989 Mary Kay Thayer - Bedford Twp.
Michael Engan - Lansing
James D. Blair - Lansing
Samuel A. Ragnone - Flint
1990 Sen. John J. Schwarz – Battle Creek
Louise L. Lawton - W. Bloomfield
1991 Pecky D. Lewis, Jr. - Oakland Co.
Edward C. Elliott - Midland Co.
1992 Joe Byrd - Flint
Kris Nicholoff - Lansing
1993 William Beepler - St. Joseph Co.
William McCarthy - Alma
1994 Sheila Miller-Graham - Flint
Alfred Bradley - Flint
John H. Keel - Delta Twp.
1995 Duncan Beagle - Flint
Charlene Nutton - Huntington Wds.
1996 James Booth - Lansing
Peggy G. Johnson - Rochester
1997 Robert Smith - Wayne
Kenneth Weaver - Bedford Twp.
1998 Richard Myers - Wyoming/Byron Ctr.
Cynthia Valentine - Detroit
1999 Ed Gillespie - Ingham County
Barbara Polich - Westland
2000 Eckhart Dersch - Meridian Twp.
Everett Garey - Oakland Twp.
Chris Jensen - Muskegon
2001 Don Green - Clinton Township
2002 Larry Mullins - Orion Township
2004 Herman Bien - Livonia
2005 Dan Wesner - Sterling Heights
2006 Roger McCarville – Oakland Co
2007 Robert Jones -- Kentwood

Local Elected Official

2001 Mayor David C. Hollister - Lansing
2002 Steve Heacock - Kent County
Thomas Yack - Canton Township
2003 Mayor Gregory Pitoniak - Taylor
Mayor John Hieftje - Ann Arbor
2004 Dr. Charles Black, Meridian Twp.
Rick Laidler, Oxford
2005 Cindy King - Van Buren Township
Sheila Cockerel - Detroit City Council
2006 Mayor Richard Jones – Flat Rock
2007 Mayor James Farquhar—Grosse Pte Farms
2008 Mayor Jack Kirksey – Livonia
2009 Mayor Gary McDowell – Adrian
2010 Mayor William R. Wild – Westland
Michael Lovelock – Chesterfield Twp.
2011 L. Brooks Paterson, Oakland Co.

State Elected Official

1995 Rep. Thomas Middleton - 46th District
1996 Rep. Bill Bobier - 101st District
Sen. Harry Gast - 20th District
1997 Sen. George A. McManus Jr. - 36th District
1998 Sen. Loren Bennett - 8th District
Rep. Tom Alley - 103rd District
1999 U.S. Rep. John Dingell - 16th District
2000 U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham
Rep. Deborah Cherry - 50th District
2001 U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee - 9th District
2002 State Senator John D. Cherry, Jr.
2003 State Senator Patricia Birkholz - Dist. 24
2004 State Rep. Diane Byrum
2005 U.S. Rep Joe Knollenberg – 9th District

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2006 Congressman Vernon J. Ehler
2007 Rep Mark Meadows – 69th District
2008 Gov. Jennifer Granholm
2010 State Senator Raymond Basham
 State Rep. Rebekah Warren
 State Rep. Arla Meekhoff
 State Senator Patricia Birkholtz –
 Dist. 24

Low Wint Award

1993 Southfield Parks & Recreation
 Saline Parks & Recreation
1994 Portage Parks & Recreation
 Huntington Woods Parks &
 Recreation
1995 Midland Parks & Recreation
 Novi Parks & Recreation
1998 Battle Creek Parks &
 Recreation
1999 Lapeer Parks & Recreation
2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks
2001 West Bloomfield Parks &
 Recreation
2002 Canton Township

Grand Award

1999 Grand Hotel
2000 Mike Engan - Engan-Tooley- Doyle
 Kit Frey - Okemos
2001 Jack Golden Associates
2002 Bill Robertson Pool Designs
2003 Central Michigan University
2004 Michigan Natural Res. Trust Fund
2005 Michigan Department of Community
 Health (MDCH)
2006 W.K. Kellogg Foundation
2007 DTE Energy
2008 Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan
2009 Rebecca Humphries – MI DNR
2010 Oakland County Parks & Recreation
2011 Detroit Lions – PPK
2012 Ken Hayward – Grand Hotel

Commitment to Excellence

2002 Ann Conklin – Canton Twp.
2003 Roger Coles – CMU
2004 Ron Olson - MDNR
2005 Tim Schreiner – Grand Traverse
2006 Ralph Richard
2007 Traci Sincock – Northville
2008 Vic Chiasson - EMU
2009 Bruce Ross – Van Buren Twp
2010 Mary Winegar – Lansing (Ret.)
2011 Portia Fields-Anderson – Pontiac
2012 Jason Jones – Grand Traverse Co.

Therapeutic Recreation

1994 **Excellence in Programming**
 Sterling Heights Special Recreation
Outstanding Achievement
 Dr. Aggie Rainwater
1995 **Excellence in Programming**
 Kalamazoo Parks& Recreation
 Chelsea Community Hospital
Outstanding Achievement
 Eileen Andreassi
 Fred Cavatio
1997 **Excellence in Programming**
 Lansing Parks & Recreation
Outstanding Achievement
 Bob Frost
1998 **Excellence in Programming**
 Westland Parks & Recreation
Outstanding Achievement

Dianne Winterstein
 Eileen Andreassi
1999 **Excellence in Programming**
 Sterling Heights Seniors
Outstanding Achievement
 Karen Zylman

2000 **Excellence in Programming**
 Havenwyck Hospital
Outstanding Achievement
 Cindy Guzi

2001 **Excellence in Programming**
 Kentwood Parks & Recreation
Outstanding Achievement
 Cynthia Burkhour

2003 **Excellence in Programming**
 Havenwyck Hospital
Outstanding Achievement
 Theresa Beck

2004 **Outstanding Achievement**
 Lori Soma

2005 **Excellence in Programming**
 Stella Husch
Outstanding Achievement
 Western Wayne County
Young Professional
 Kristine Kading

2007 **Outstanding Achievement**
 Claudia Brewer

2008 **Outstanding Achievement**
 Joan Lenhard

2009 **Excellence in Programming**
 Hope Network
Karen Linn Medve Outstanding
Achievement
 Portia Fields Anderson
Young Professional
 Holly Warnos

2010 **Excellence in Programming**
 Saline Community Education
Karen Linn Medve Outstanding
Achievement
 Rosemary Thiebaut

2011 **Excellence in Programming**
 For-Mar Nature Center
Karen Linn Medve Outstanding
Achievement
 Louis Mitchell