

## Friends of the James River Park

# RALPH WHITE RIVER HERO AWARD 2017

In 2011, The Friends of the James River Park launched the River Heroes Award to acknowledge and honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to James River Park. The name was changed in 2015 to the Ralph White River Hero Award to honor former Park Manager Ralph White and one of the 2014 River Hero Award recipients.

Past recipient's wide-ranging efforts included volunteer work, educational efforts, preservation, and promotional activities that encourage responsible use of the Park. Their contributions have been showcased at the Friends of James River Park annual picnic at the Historic Pump House. This year's honorees will be celebrated at an awards presentation at the Troutman Sanders Board Room, 100 Haxall Point on October 5.

Nominations will be accepted until September 15, 2017. Individuals, companies, or organizations may be nominated. To qualify, projects must be coordinated with Park staff and contribute to one or more of the following areas:

- *Preservation:* Enhance, protect and/or preserve James River Park for future generations through leadership, hands-on volunteer work or changes to public policy.
- *Education:* Create educational opportunities by leading educational or recreational groups through the Park and encouraging responsible Park stewardship
- *Promotion:* Promote the park to the public and/or Park visitors through art/film/photography, projects, lectures, and other activities.

## NOMINATION INFORMATION

- To nominate an individual, please submit one completed NOMINATION FORM (available at [www.jamesriverpark.org/be-a-friend/river-hero.php](http://www.jamesriverpark.org/be-a-friend/river-hero.php)) and one letter of recommendation.
- Nominations may be submitted until midnight on September 15, 2017. Sorry, no late nominations will be accepted.
- Submit applications together with recommendation letter to: [friends@jamesriverpark.org](mailto:friends@jamesriverpark.org) or mail a paper copy to:

Friends of James River Park  
P.O. Box 4453  
Richmond, VA 23220

*Although they may deserve it, Friends of the James River Park Board members are not eligible for nomination.*

Questions may be addressed to:  
[friends@jamesriverpark.org](mailto:friends@jamesriverpark.org).



## PAST RIVER HEROES

Dennis Bussey

*James River Hikers*

Casey Cockerham

*Passages Adventure Camp*

Molly Dellinger-Wray

*Past president, FoJRP, park volunteer*

David Dorsey

*Seven Hills School*

Mike Ostrander

*Discover the James*

Tricia Pearsall

*board member, JROC*

*member, James River State Scenic Advisory Committee and the T. Tyler Potterfield Damwalk Art Commission*

Betsy Slade  
*educator, park volunteer*

Bob Steidel  
*City of Richmond*  
*Director of Public Utilities*

Scott Turner  
*True Timber/Riverside Outfitters*

Greg Velzy  
*Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation, Scenic Falls of the James*

Sally Wetzler  
*Treasurer, JROC,*  
*advocate for accessibility to the James River*  
*volunteer for Sportable.*

Ralph White  
*Past James River Park Manager*

Anne Wright  
*VCU Biology Dept.*

Rich Young  
*photographer, instructor, park volunteer*

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