



## Arthur Gibb Award for Sustainable Community Leadership

Leadership | Public Service | Vision | Creativity | Community

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*The Vermont Natural Resources Council (VNRC) is pleased to accept nominations for the 2024 Arthur Gibb Award for Sustainable Community Leadership.*

*We seek to honor an individual whose leadership has made a lasting contribution to their town, region or state through their dedication to building healthy, equitable and sustainable communities.*

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### An Award Recognizing Vermont's Community Leaders

The Sustainable Community Leadership Award, formerly the "Arthur Gibb Award for Individual Leadership," was established in honor of the late Arthur "Art" Gibb. Learn more about Art Gibb's life and legacy [here](#).

Arthur Gibb's success and reputation as a public servant were directly attributable to his leadership, character and personal convictions. Every year, in honor of Arthur's legacy of commitment to safeguarding Vermont's values and unique landscape, the Vermont Natural Resources Council recognizes an individual whose leadership, vision and courage has similarly brought about positive and lasting change toward more equitable, sustainable and healthy communities.

The Sustainable Community Leadership Award will be presented to a Vermont resident who, in service to their community, shares these characteristics while working to recognize the challenges facing Vermont and the shared goals of the people who call our state home.

Nominations should explain clearly and in detail how a nominee meets each of the criteria listed below. VNRC encourages nominations from everyone, especially those historically underrepresented in the environmental movement, including people of color, people from marginalized economic backgrounds, and people living with disabilities.

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## Award Selection Criteria

*Leadership* and the ability to motivate others around shared goals related to community planning and the enhancement of Vermont's natural resources, unique sense of place, and economic well-being.

*Vision* to recognize the challenges facing Vermont's environment, landscape and communities now and in the future, and understand how those challenges can best be addressed through public policy and personal initiative.

*Integrity* and steadfastness in public service that earns the respect of colleagues, neighbors and diverse interest groups.

Diligent and persistent *Commitment to Public Service* over a sustained period of time.

*Humility*, expressed through respect for others, including those holding opposing viewpoints, and a willingness to work cooperatively and share recognition for accomplishments.

*Creativity* in crafting innovative solutions, policies and programs that strengthen Vermont's human and natural communities.

The ability to *Balance* competing interests in order to forge consensus and build bridges between those holding opposing views.

## Selection Process

**Nomination:** Residents from around Vermont nominate candidates annually each spring

**Evaluation:** A review committee made up of VNRC staff, board members, and colleagues review all applications

**Presentation:** The award is presented at a ceremony hosted by VNRC in the fall

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# Sustainable Community Leadership Award | Nomination Form

Note: PDF contains typeable fields.

## Nominee Information

Nominee Name & Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Person submitting nomination

Name & Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Submission Requirements Checklist

Please submit, in hard copy or electronically (*electronically preferred*):

- this cover sheet;
- a detailed description of how the individual nominated has brought about positive and lasting change in the way communities around Vermont navigate and plan for a just, sustainable future; and
- two brief letters of reference from people familiar with the nominee's accomplishments. Letters should include examples and be included in the application packet.

In both applicant description and reference letters, please be specific about how the individual has demonstrated the characteristics on the previous page. Please limit the narrative to two pages or less.

Materials may be submitted in hard copy or electronically to the addresses below.

All materials must be received by [Friday, July 19, 2024](#) to be considered.

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Mail to:  
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