## **Friends of Trees Awards**

The Fairfax County Tree Commission annually presents Friends of Trees Awards to individuals or organizations who have preserved, protected or planted trees. Projects or programs must have been completed during a calendar year, or if a continuing project, they must have been started in a calendar year with an anticipated life of more than one year.

Individuals or organizations may be nominated for various tree related projects or programs. The individuals or organizations must have demonstrated outstanding conservation-based actions in preserving, protecting or planting trees. The following types of projects or programs may be nominated:

Preservation: projects or programs for land or easement donations, or appropriate arbor care

Education: projects or programs that create publications, interpretive trail development, tree marking with identification tags, or presentations to the public about preservation, protection or tree planting

Planting: projects or programs that conduct seedling plantings, riparian restoration plantings or heritage species plantings

Maintenance: innovative projects or programs that share the responsibility for long term maintenance of trees without traditional funding sources.