



TOWN OF STRATFORD **News Release**

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Mayor John A. Harkins announced that the Aquarion Water Company this year is again sponsoring its Environmental Champion Awards program, an opportunity for Stratford adults, high school students, non-profits and businesses to win recognition for outstanding volunteer efforts to protect or restore Connecticut's natural resources.

Mayor Harkins encouraged local residents to compete for this recognition by nominating a group, individual or business that has organized a volunteer project to improve or protect Connecticut's air, water, soil, or plant and wildlife communities.

The deadline for nominations for the 2013 Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards is May 8, 2013. Winners will be formally recognized on June 8, 2013, at a special celebration at the Beardsley Zoo.

Winners of the 2013 Environmental Champion Awards in the adult, small and large business, and non-profit categories will be able to name an environmental non-profit to receive a \$2,500 grant given in their name by Aquarion. The winning student (grades 9 through 12) will take home a \$1,000 savings bond.

Mayor Harkins said that additional information about the 2013 Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards is available at www.aquarionwater.com or at www.facebook.com/aquarionwater, including program details and the nomination procedure.