



# 2026 Land Conservation Leadership Awards Nomination Form

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All nominations must be emailed or postmarked on or before **Friday, March 27, 2026**. Please email your submission to [selectioncommittee@gatheringwaters.org](mailto:selectioncommittee@gatheringwaters.org) or mail your nomination packet to:

Gathering Waters  
211 S. Paterson St. Suite 270  
Madison, WI 53703

## Nominee Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Trust or Organization Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If applicable – please include for Land Trust Professional or Land Trust Volunteer of the Year*

## Nominator Contact Information (leave blank if same as above)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Award Category Selected for Nominee (choose 1)

- Land Trust Professional of the Year
- Land Trust Volunteer of the Year
- Land Legacy Award
- Working Lands Preservation Award
- Harold “Bud” Jordahl Lifetime Achievement Award

## Supporting Materials

The supporting materials should describe how your nominee’s actions and accomplishments have advanced land and water protection in Wisconsin.

**Required:** Please include at least one **letter of support**. If you are nominating yourself, include a detailed **resume/CV of accomplishments**

**Recommended:** You also may include **other supporting materials**, such as news articles, photos, videos, maps, or any other resources that highlight your nominee’s contribution to land conservation.



# 2026 Land Conservation Leadership Awards Nomination Instructions

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Thank you for your interest in submitting a nomination for the Land Conservation Leadership Awards!

A complete nomination packet includes:

- Nomination Form
- Letter of Support
- Additional Supporting Materials (optional, but encouraged)

Each item is described below in detail to help you complete your nomination.

## Nomination Form

Individuals and organizations may submit nominations for themselves or others. The Nominee is the person being nominated for the award. The Nominator is the person who is doing the nominating. Several individuals may work on a nomination, but only one person should be designated as the main contact person, who should be available for any questions the Selection Committee may have.

Please review the award descriptions below and select the award that best matches the accomplishments and work of your Nominee.

### 2026 Award Categories:

- **Land Trust Professional of the Year** – This award recognizes a land trust staff member that demonstrates commitment to a land trust through leadership and completion of initiatives or projects that support and enhance a land trust’s success.
- **Land Trust Volunteer of the Year** – This award recognizes a land trust volunteer (including board members) that demonstrates commitment to supporting and serving a land trust through leadership, pursuits, projects, and partnerships that further a land trust’s goals.
- **Harold “Bud” Jordahl Lifetime Achievement Award** – This award recognizes a committed conservation professional or volunteer who has devoted their time, talents, and energy in support of land preservation over their lifetime, as demonstrated through extraordinary land conservation projects or other accomplishments that have permanently safeguarded Wisconsin’s natural treasures.
- **Land Legacy Award** – This award recognizes individuals, families, or organizations whose extraordinary generosity and philanthropic leadership has significantly benefited land conservation in Wisconsin.
- **Working Lands Preservation Award** – This award recognizes individuals or organizations that exhibit extraordinary commitment to the preservation of Wisconsin’s working lands.

## Letter of Support or CV/Resume (Required)

A Letter of Support is intended to help the Selection Committee learn more about the Nominee. Please create a cover letter that provides a clear, concise statement telling the Selection Committee why your Nominee should receive a Land Conservation Leadership Award. Keep in mind that members of the Selection Committee may not know the individual or organization you are nominating. Tell the Nominee's story and share as many details as possible to prove your Nominee deserves an award. End your letter with a compelling statement that summarizes the Nominee's work, accomplishments, and why this person is the perfect award candidate.

One Letter of Support is required, though you may choose to include multiple letters for your Nominee. If several people are writing letters on behalf of your Nominee, we suggest coordinating with each member of the nomination team to focus on a different aspect of the Nominee's work, service, or personality.

If you are nominating yourself for an award, please include a detailed resume or CV listing your experience and accomplishments, rather than a Letter of Support.

## Supporting Materials (Recommended)

Supporting materials are optional, but recommended. You may want to include additional materials that help show how the Nominee fulfilled the intent of the Land Conservation Leadership Award for which they are being nominated. Examples of supporting materials could be newspaper articles, photos, videos, maps, or any other resources that highlight your Nominee's contribution to land conservation.

## Submission of the Nomination Packet

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## Questions?

Contact Amanda Jutrzonka at [amanda@gatheringwaters.org](mailto:amanda@gatheringwaters.org) or call 608-251-9131 Ext. 11