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1. **Denise Horan, East Hartford Town Engineer - Unsung Hero Award** - for her work on the Forbes St. to the river section of the ECG.
2. **Mark Paquette; Special Recognition**- his work with WinCOG included innovative use of state and federal funds to support trails and greenways in the region including a shared maintenance equipment for the Air Line ST Park Trail. His nine years of work and leadership on the CT Greenways Council since 2005. As Parks and Rec Director in Willimantic he rallied welcoming parties as the various trail users travelled Boston to D.C. along the East Coast Greenway (ECG) He was the moving force in building the section of The Hop River State Park Trail through Willimantic and was key in facilitating the construction of bridges to carry the trail which involved the National guard, Coast Guard Academy, DEEP, ECGA, and many volunteers. He has set up counting stations to further promote trail construction. He is a trail user along with his canine companions.
3. **Farmington Valley Trails Council (FVTC) – Non Profit Award** – for their 22 years of leadership, volunteerism and commitment to one of Connecticut’s greatest multi-town and state rail trails. The Farmington Canal Heritage Trail extends 84 miles from New Haven into Massachusetts with only a couple of on-road diversions as a result of this organizations work.
4. **Margaret Minor, CT Rivers Alliance; Lifetime Achievement Award** – for her dedicated work on water quality and river corridor protection statewide. Recently developed our own CT Water Trails website, <http://www.ctwatertrails.org>
5. **Lon Hultgren; Transportation Award** - the recently retired DPW in Mansfield, has created, promoted, and built multi-use trails in Mansfield/Storrs throughout his career. He is instrumental in planning, and building the multi-modal transportation facility at UCONN. He is a trail user.
6. **Bolton’s first Selectman Bob Morra - Municipal Award** - has successfully facilitated the integration of conflicting ideas as how to close the gap in the Charter Oak Greenway (East Coast Greenway) from Manchester town line to Bolton Notch.
7. **Steve O’Neill, PE at VHB- Engineering Award** - Much of his 20 years as a consultant with VHB has involved Greenways. Currently, as consultant to CONNDOT, he is in charge of reviewing State Greenway projects. He wrote his master’s thesis on multi-use trails. He has presented multi-use trail concepts at National meetings of APWA. He is a greenway user either running or cycling. Several years ago he was recognized nationally as APWA outstanding young engineer.
8. **Gary Minor - Advocacy Award** - as a public communications professional for Pratt and Whitney he coordinated sponsorship of the printing of the initial Charter Oak Greenway map. Recently he facilitated the pro-bono printing of the revised map. He retired from Pratt and is now a public communications professional for Goodwin College.
9. **Tom O'Brien - Volunteer Award** - president of the New Milford River Trail Assoc. He has worked tirelessly in Western CT to open an important greenway corridor at the Town and regional level.
10. **Karyn Gilvarg: Planning Award** - Director, New Haven City Plan since 1992. Karyn has overseen the design and building of the FCHT in New Haven and has dug deep to negotiate arrangements with surrounding towns to expedite its completion. She has been especially sensitive to making explicit historical origins and narratives.

An appointed, volunteer board dedicated to planning and implementing greenways in Connecticut