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**Aquarion Announces 2012 Statewide Awards for Environmental Excellence**

*Second annual Environmental Champion awards program to recognize students, adults, non-profits and businesses that protect and restore Connecticut's natural resources*

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. – For the second year in a row, the Aquarion Water Company will grant awards for outstanding voluntary achievements to protect and restore Connecticut's natural environment based on nominations from the public.

The Aquarion Environmental Champion awards will be named in four categories: Adult, Youth, Business, and Non-Profit Organization. Nominations can be made for efforts to protect or improve Connecticut's natural resources – its water, air, soil, and plant and wildlife communities.

“Supplying clean and safe water to more than 590,000 people across Connecticut gives us a special appreciation for the benefits a healthy environment brings to everyone,” says Charles V. Firlotte, President and CEO of Aquarion Water Company. “We’re delighted to again be putting a statewide spotlight on the many individual, organizational and business volunteers who devote countless hours on important environmental projects.”

Aquarion will honor winners on June 2 at a major event to be held at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo in Bridgeport. U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal will participate in presenting the awards, as will Daniel Esty, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and John DeAugustine, Group Publisher for Hearst Media Services of Connecticut. Awards will include a \$1000 savings bond for the student winner and \$2500 contributions to environmental non-profit organizations selected by the other winners.

“Last year, Northrop Grumman was recognized by Aquarion for establishing a Pollution Prevention Committee, which led to the reduction of substantial amounts of paper waste in our Norwalk facility,” said Tony Izzo, Site Director for the company. “It was a real honor to have our efforts recognized and as a result we were able to donate \$2,500 to Norwalk High School's environmental program.” The deadline for nominations is May 1. Self-nominations and

renominations are welcome. More information on the awards and a nomination form are available at [www.aquarionwater.com](http://www.aquarionwater.com) and [www.facebook.com/aquarionwater](http://www.facebook.com/aquarionwater).

### **About Aquarion**

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 590,000 people in 42 cities and towns throughout Connecticut. It is the largest investor-owned water utility in New England and among the seven largest in the U.S. Based in Bridgeport, Conn., it has been in the public water supply business since 1857. The company also serves customers in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Across its operations, Aquarion strives to act as a responsible steward of the environment and to assist the communities it serves in promoting sustainable practices as well.

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