



# RICK WAYNE CONSERVATION KIDS

## 2023 AWARD SUBMISSIONS

Some may know him by the 100s of bluebird and wood duck houses he helped students make. Others may know him by the 100s of volunteer hours he spent teaching kids to fish or monitor streams. Rick Wayne spent a lifetime in giving and serving his community in so many ways. Rick firmly believed that those who were willing to connect with their natural surroundings and conserve and care for it, were a step ahead of the rest and would ultimately build a strong appreciation for our natural resources. To honor Rick and his legacy, the Pepin County Land Conservation & Planning Department will be awarding two children for their conservation efforts in Pepin County. One award will go to a student elementary age, and the other award will go to a student 6th grade or above. Submissions are welcome to all Pepin County children ages 4-18 years of age.

Anyone may nominate a child who attends a public or private school, or is homeschooled in Pepin County and has taken the lead on a conservation related project of their choosing. Projects can be completed any time in the calendar year and should have at minimum, visual aids to depict the project. Submission should include these visual aids and a summary of what the project entails and why the child should be considered for the Rick Wayne Conservation Kids Award.

The Land Conservation & Planning Department encourages children to use their own creativity when choosing projects. Some ideas could include but are not limited to:

- pollinator or rain garden installation
- erosion control measures
- composting
- invasive species removal
- tree and native plant planting
- bat, bird, or duck house construction/installation
- building bug hotels, butterfly, or bird feeder
- littler and garbage cleanup
- creative use of recycled materials or inventions to help conservation efforts

# NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED JANUARY 1ST - FEBRUARY 29TH 2024

Creativity 25%      Conservation Message 25%      Time & Effort 50%

Title of Project

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Name of Nominator

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Name of Nominee

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Address

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Phone Number

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Public   Home School   Private

School          Grade \_\_\_\_\_   Age \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominees may be asked to present their project to our committee and have a feature article written for social media use and in the local newspaper.



## SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Nomination Worksheet

Project Summary

Visual Aids

Please submit nominations and supporting documents to [jmcmahon@co.pepin.wi.us](mailto:jmcmahon@co.pepin.wi.us)