



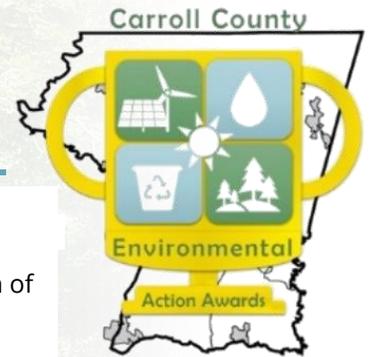
# Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council

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## 2023 Environmental Action Awards Winners



The Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) presents awards biennially to individuals and groups for endeavors and projects that result in a positive benefit to the environment and have the potential for long-term community environmental benefit in each of three categories: Educational Outreach, Positive Practices, and Student Engagement. All nominations were impressive and worthy of recognition.

### Student Engagement

The **Student Engagement Award** goes to **Ashlynn Kief!** She designed and built a book sharing box for Charlotte's Quest Nature Center, which diverts unwanted books from the landfill. She funded the project by holding an upcycled art fundraiser and soliciting book donations. She constructed The Little Free Library with repurposed materials and incorporated a monarch butterfly awareness. She also founded a non-profit, The Book People Project. Her efforts support her goal of providing free access to reading.

The **Runner Up** is **Patrick Grundy** for his Piney Run Park informational sign project and accompanying garlic mustard educational piece.

**Honorable Mention** goes to **Emmy Neff** for organizing a children's environmental education event in Mt. Airy.

### Educational Outreach

**John Hubb** receives the **Educational Outreach Award**. John has long been a leader in environmental initiatives in Carroll County and an integral member of many environmental education initiatives. He is a Master Gardener, restarted the Carroll County Bay-Wise Committee, and supported the Grow-It-Eat-It classes and training. He worked to establish the Friends of Krimgold Park, which actively helps keep the park clean and produces outreach materials and regular newsletters. He led an effort to help manage beaver ponds, install bird boxes, and monarch way stations. John also played a key role in Earth Day events organized in each of the past several years.

### Positive Practices

This year's winner of the **Positive Practices Award** is **Friends of Liberty Reservoir (FoLR)**. FoLR formed to promote and support recreation around the Liberty Reservoir. Part of their mission is the reopening of trails have been de-commissioned by Baltimore City Department of Public Works. The group's regular trail cleanup efforts have resulted in tons of litter and trash removal, which helps advance this initiative. FoLR implemented public outreach regarding invasive plants along the trails and produced a map of recently restored trails. The group collaborates with Baltimore City and Carroll County to further their goal and has also initiated several other outreach efforts as well.

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- **Spot-On Engineering Solutions, Inc.** - \$1,000 scholarship to Student Engagement Award winner
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- **JeannieBird Baking Company** - \$50 gift basket to each of the 3 winners

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