

Annual Award Recipients Vermont Recreation and Park Association

The Vermont Recreation and Parks Association recognizes the importance of honoring its recreation and park professional and volunteer members who have rendered outstanding service to this association and the profession, and has established awards to do this. The *Young Professional Award* recognizes recreation and park professionals who have been working 2-10 years in Vermont. The *Facility of Merit Award* will recognize an organization that has renovated or developed a recreation amenity. The *Unsung Hero Award* recognizes a lay person or professional who has demonstrated consistent or outstanding service in their community. The awards are presented at the VRPA Annual Meeting.

Year	Young Professional	Facility of Merit	Unsung Hero
2005	Gary Rogers (Burlington)		
2006	Derek Mitchell (Colchester)		
2007	Geoff Burghardt (South Burlington)	Pinehill Park (Rutland)	
2008	Andy Cappello (Hartland)	Montpelier Recreation Baseball Field	Barbara Sargent (Hartland)
2009	Joe Fox (St. Johnsbury)	Essex Junction Skate Park	Steve Marro (Rutland)
2010	Jenn Turmel (Colchester)	Causeway Park (Colchester)	Gary Rowe (Newport)
2011	Mike Sutcliffe (Killington)	Dorset Park (South Burlington)	EJay Bishop (Rutland)
2012	Matt Frazee (Hartford)	Jay Peak (Jay)	Dick Pecor (Colchester)
2013	Ally Vile (Essex)		Steve Norman (Burlington)
2014	Jenny Bartlett (Montpelier)	Miller Community Rec Ctr (Burlington) Newport Skate Park	Mike Cain (Fairfax)
2015	Jessica Booth (Newport)	Stowe Arena	John Pare (Burlington)
2016	Holly Baker (South Burlington)	Bristol Green Playground Andy A_Dog Williams Skatepark (Burlington) Middlebury Recreation Facility	Jennifer Smith (Newport)
2017	April Cioffi (Rutland)	Baxter Street Park (Rutland)	John Stokes (Mad River Valley)

For nomination criteria, go to www.vrpa.org or contact the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association at 802-878-2077, betsy@vrpa.org or 721 Main Street, Colchester, VT 05446.