Holman Water Quality Stewardship Award
Description & Nomination Guidelines

The Holman Water Quality Stewardship Award was created by the former Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition (now MountainTrue) in 2008 to honor the person or group that has done the most to advance the mission of sustaining good water quality in the upper Hiwassee River watershed.

The award was presented for the first time to the late Jim Dobson of Union County, Ga. on January 17, 2009 at the inaugural Holman Water Quality Stewardship Award Banquet & Silent Auction. Similarly, the MountainTrue Southwestern Regional Office holds an event (now called the Watershed Gala) annually to celebrate our rivers, lakes, and streams and those who work to protect them.

The award is named for Bill Holman who recently retired as Senior Advisor to The Conservation Fund in NC. Mr. Holman transitioned into this appointment in 2023 after directing the Fund's NC programs for ten years. Prior to 2013, he served for six years each as Director of State Policy at Duke University's Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions and executive director of the N.C. Clean Water Management Trust Fund, an organization that has stimulated widespread and far-reaching water quality improvements across the state. Bill also previously served as secretary of the N.C. Department of Environment & Conservation and has spent his career positively influencing environmental legislation in North Carolina and beyond.

Bill Holman was chosen as the honoree for the Water Quality Stewardship Award because of his **persistent, constructive leadership** in legislative, administrative, and educational roles, **his accomplishments that help sustain good water quality, and his sincere commitment to the environment and clean water**. It is similar characteristics, put into action in the upper Hiwassee River watershed, that are sought in future Holman Water Quality Stewardship Award recipients.

An individual may nominate up to three persons or groups for the award; however, a separate form is required for each nomination. Include your name and contact information as well as the name and contact information of the nominee. The nomination must include a short testimonial, description, and/or anecdote that will help the awards committee make its selection. Those who have been nominated before, but were not selected to receive the award may be nominated again; however, no one individual or group may receive the Holman Award more than one time. Current MountainTrue staff and board members are ineligible to receive the Holman Award.

Click here to go to the online nomination form.

2027 Holman Water Quality Stewardship Award Nomination Form

Your Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Phone number_____E-mail _____

Name of Nominee_____

Volunteer Role (if applicable) _____

Mailing Address _____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Phone number_____E-mail _____

Testimonial, Description, and/or Anecdotes about Nominee's leadership, accomplishments and/or commitment to improving/protecting clean water:
(Attach one additional sheet, if needed. Please limit to one page.)