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Maya Huber
1982    Mary Grace Lintz
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Marty Tredwell
1983    Eleanor Kennedy
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1984    Toni Winters McMahon
Barbara J. Fried
Jean R. Packard
1985    Jean R. Packard
William Bestimt
Marie T. Lewis
1986    James Rees
Kevin Bell
Sally B. Ormsby
1987    Barbara Shanahan
Eleanor Duffield
Joseph Annunziata
1988    Philip Reilly
Marlene W. Blum
Frederick M. Crabtree
Caren Shumaker
1989    J. Knox Singleton
Judi S. Booe
Embrey Rucker
Suzanne Conrad
1990    James Scott
Jarold Kieffer
Norma Hoffman
Mary Nighthlinger
1991    George Barker
Harry Doyle, Jr.
Shirley O. Nelson
1992    Mary Lee DiSpirito
Kathryn MacLane
Les Dorson
1993    Sharon Kelso
Dr. Richard Ernst
Tom Grubisich
1994    Jinx Hazel
Jacqueline deMoras Rosen
Martha Glennan
1995    Marilyn Gould
Kay Brooks
Edward H. Berson
1996    Lilyan Spero
Alan E. Mayer
Aubrey D. Tarkington
1997    Minerva Wilson Andrews
Mildred Corbin
Shirley O. Nelson
1998    Gerald T. Halpin
Louise L. Meade
Lawrence V. Fowler
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Robert G. Hunt
1980    Celestino Beltrán
Anita B. Howard
Norma Hoffman
1991    Glenn & Betty Stroup
Richard Bliss
Warren Cikins
1992    Frank de la Fe
Michael Anzilotti
Charles Creighton
1993    Mary Anne Lecos
Linda Bestimt
William P. Nedringhaus
1994    Occoquan Watershed Task Force
1995    Charles A. Veatch, II
Joseph L. Ritchey
1996    Special Gratitude Award
Judith Mueer
1997    Dr. G. Ray Worley
Jennifer Cooper
Merrily Pierce
1998    Marlene Blum
Bill and Janie Strauss
1999    Special Gratitude Award
C. Lee Fifer, Jr.
2000    Sally B. Ormsby
Lee A. Rau
2001    John Horesji
2002    Anne A. Andrews
Linda Byrne
2003    Christine Morin
2004    M.L. Clark Tyler
Harrison A. Glasgow
2005    James B. Southworth
Andrew Tener
2006    Mollie Morison-Loeffler
Dr. Charles Dane
2007    Special Gratitude Awards
Anthony H. Griffin
William D. Leco
2008    Walter Alcorn
Ellie Ashford
2009    Corazon Sandoval Foley
Terrell D. Maynard
2010    Suzanne F. Harsel
2011    Peter Murphy
Rose Chu
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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT SPECIAL GRATITUDE AWARD
Mary Agee

For the past 43 years, Mary Agee has made an enormous difference in the lives of Northern Virginians, many of them low income and struggling. Joining Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) in 1972, Ms. Agee became the organization’s leader 26 years ago. In 1996 NVFS began its innovative Training Futures program, a signature initiative developed by Ms. Agee, a six month intensive office skills job training program in a simulated office environment. Partnering with Northern Virginia Community College, which offers credits for the Training Futures curriculum, the program has trained 1,700 individuals who were low income, and under-employed or unemployed. Over 89% of the graduates have secured full time employment in an office environment, far exceeding the employment rates of other national programs. She has also mentored many nonprofit professionals who in turn have become successful nonprofit leaders in Northern Virginia.

Ms. Agee is a visionary who exemplifies the core values of social work—promoting collective responsibility, social change, and steadfast commitment to social justice in the service of empowering individuals, families and communities to meet their needs. Her ability to successfully respond to community need through cross sector collaboration and highly effective use of diverse resources has led to the building of successful and stable lives. She has extraordinary ability to identify complex situations, changing environmental trends, and diverse resources, and bring organizations together to build innovative, comprehensive and successful programs. Ms. Agee holds a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of California, Berkeley. She lives with her husband in Fairfax County, and has two grown children.

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
Michael O’Reilly

Michael O’Reilly is a true “model citizen.” His willingness to take on tough challenges shows that he is not afraid of failure and able to step outside of his comfort zone to work on issues that will help County residents. In 2009 he helped create the Governing Board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness. He has chaired the Board since its inception to provide “vision, leadership, and policy guidance to reach the goal of preventing and ending homelessness by December 31, 2018.” This is no small task and Mr. O’Reilly takes an active role in the Board’s work. He chairs both the Resource Development and Advocacy Subcommittees and regularly testifies before the Board of Supervisors and other organizations on matters related to homelessness. He has represented the Governing Board and the Partnership on television and in interviews, and has brought attention to housing needs in Fairfax County. Mr. O’Reilly’s work has brought the County closer to its goal of eradicating homelessness.

Michael O’Reilly is a lifelong resident of Fairfax County, growing up in the Baileys Crossroads area with his two sisters and four brothers. In 1978 he married his high school sweetheart Annie, and together they raised 4 great kids, Michael, David, Jeanne and Colleen. In 1980, he and Annie moved to the Town of Herndon where they continue to live. In addition to his work with the Governing Board he practices law full time, serves as the President of the Herndon Council for the Arts and also serves as Co-chair of the Herndon Committee of the Dulles Regional Chamber. Mr. O’Reilly served as Mayor of the Town of Herndon from 2004 to 2006.
Citation of Merit
Connee Hartke
Ms. Connee Hartke has employed her talents for the good of Fairfax County citizens and she is probably best known around the county for her leadership in Rescue Reston (RR), a grassroots organization formed in July 2012. As an avid environmentalist and long-time Reston resident, she immediately grasped the importance of the fight to save the 166-acre Recton National Golf Course (RNGC), which is prime real estate within walking distance to two Silver Line Metro stations, as the permanent open space that everyone in Reston had always assumed it to be. Anyone involved in community work knows the challenges of mobilizing citizens to action. Rescue Reston, under her leadership, has secured a support petition of more than 4,200 signatures and has filled the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors / Planning & Zoning auditorium to overflow status during a recent zoning appeal hearing on RNGC. Resolution of the zoning appeal is expected on April 15, 2015, but already RR is planning its next steps in Fairfax District Court. The stakes are so high on both sides that court challenges are inevitable. Ms. Hartke, the ever-inventive thinker, is planning alternative actions as well.

Ms. Hartke invests the time and energy to really educate herself and others on matters of key significance for the community. She is a wonderful supporter of the Walker Nature Center, participating in numerous education programs including hikes, presentations and environmental film nights. She lives with her husband Paul on Lake Audubon in the Reston community of Fairfax County. Her daughter Margaret Perry and 3 grandchildren also reside in Reston.

CITATION OF MERIT
Bruce Wright
Bruce Wright can usually be seen using his bicycle to take short (and some longer) trips around Fairfax County. He travels by bike to most of the many meetings he attends as Chairman of Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB), a sponsored project of the Washington Area Bicycling Association. Since 2005, Bruce and FABB members have worked with Fairfax County and the Virginia Department of Transportation to ensure that bicycling in an integral part of the county's transportation system. FABB advocated for funding of the Bicycle Program and Bicycle Coordinator position. Bruce spent many long hours working with the county to help create the Bicycle Route Map, currently in the third edition.

Under Bruce’s leadership, FABB also advocated for and helped create the county’s first Bicycle Master Plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2014. Bruce was co-author of the award-winning publication Guide for Reviewing Public Road Design and Bicycling Accommodations for Virginia Bicycling Advocates.

Bruce was named 2007 Hunter Mill District Lord Fairfax. He has served on the Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee, the Reston Planning and Zoning Committee, and the Tysons Land Use Task Force. He also served on and was chairman of the Fairfax County’s Trails & Sidewalks Committee for several years. He is a past board member of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association and is a current board member of Paul’s Ride for Life. Bruce and his wife Kerie Hitt live in Reston.

Special Gratitude Award
Michael “Mike” Frey
Supervisor Frey has represented Sully District since its creation after the 1990 census. Since the beginning of his tenure as supervisor in 1992, Mr. Frey oversaw enormous growth and change in the Centerville/Chantilly area. His expertise in land use and development issues helped guide the area through this transition period. Notable accomplishments were the creation of the Centerville Historic District, the acquisition of over 2,000 acres of parkland, and the establishment of a day labor center in Centerville.

Mr. Frey has worked tirelessly for transportation improvements in the district to improve mobility and reduce congestion. During his time in office, Route 28 was widened and interchanges were constructed at all grade intersections within the Route 28 Tax District. He has been a big proponent of youth activities and opportunities for young children and has been a leading advocate of youth sports. As a former SYA coach, he tirelessly advocated for more youth facilities from basketball courts, to baseball fields to football, soccer and lacrosse fields. He worked closely with the two youth groups in the district, Chantilly Youth Association (CYA) and the Southwestern Youth Association (SYA).

Mr. Frey has lived in Fairfax County for the last 29 years and has been a homeowner in the London Commons Community of Centerville for the last 23 years. A 1983 George Mason University graduate with a Bachelors Degree in Government and Politics, Frey was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men in America that same year. He is also a graduate of Leadership Fairfax, the premier leadership development program in Northern Virginia.

Special Gratitude Award
Gerald “Gerry” Hyland
Supervisor Gerry Hyland sets an exemplary pillar of representation which has energized and rallied the citizens of his district to actively engage and work to better the community and has empowered citizens to have an active voice in government. He has served his constituents loyally and always ensured that the interests of the citizens was first and foremost. He has been a force for renewal within the Mount Vernon District, working tirelessly on such major projects as Ft. Belvoir and BRAC, the expansion of Route 1 from Telegraph Road to Woodlawn, the transformation in Lorton with 2,000 acres of land that was transferred to the County, and set the stage for the future revitalization of the Route 1 Corridor in the Mount Vernon District. Supervisor Hyland’s achievements are so numerous and all-encompassing that no single list could capture the entirety of his efforts.

Mr. Hyland was born and raised in Massachusetts and attended school at the College of the Holly Cross where he received a BS in Economics in 1959. He then moved to Northern Virginia and attended Georgetown University Law Center where he received his LLB in 1962. He served more than six years of active duty in the United States Airforce and continued as a reserve officer until his retirement as a Colonel with 30 years of service. Mr. Hyland owns the private law practice Hyland and Hyland and is a Member of the Bar in Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Massachusetts. He also owns a working farm on the eastern shore of Virginia.