



Inspiration Award Winners 2015 – 2025

*Note: Prior to 2015, Inspiration Awards were given to organizations and professionals in addition to community volunteers. If you have questions or would like to see the full list, please contact **Ellen Bruenderman** at ellen@parkpride.org.*

YEAR	WINNER	AFFILIATION	PARK
2015	Gordon Certain	North Buckhead Civic Association	City of Atlanta: Buckhead Parks
	Earl Williamson	Kirkwood Neighbors Organization	City of Atlanta: Kirkwood Parks
	Jeff Clark	Garden Hills Pool & Park Association	City of Atlanta: Garden Hills Parks
	Linda Cotton Taylor	Friends of Chapel Hill Park	DeKalb County: Chapel Hill Park
	Clarence Shaheed Dubois	Vine City Civic Association	City of Atlanta: Vine City & English Avenue Parks
	Pam McNall	Tucker Civic Association	City of Tucker (DeKalb County): Tucker Parks
	Cooper Holland	Atlanta Downtown Improvement District	City of Atlanta: Woodruff Park
	Amy Johnson	Friends of Reverend James Orange Park	City of Atlanta: Reverend James Orange Park
2016	Linda Bain	Sandy Springs Conservancy	
	Karl Schultz	Friends of Frazier-Rowe Park	DeKalb County: Frazier-Rowe Park
	Esther Stokes	Historic 4 th Ward Park Conservancy	
	Dave Butler	DeKalb County Recreation Parks & Cultural Affairs	DeKalb County
	Cynthia Gentry	Play Atlanta	
	Pauline Drake	Friends of Jennie Drake Park	City of Atlanta: Jennie Drake Park

	Ronald Johnson	Friends of County Line Park	DeKalb County: Ellenwood Park, County Line Park
2017	'Mother' Mamie Moore	Friends of Lindsay Street Park	City of Atlanta: Lindsay Street Park
	Rochelle Callender	Friends of Dottie Bridges Tennis & Flat Shoals Park	DeKalb County: Flat Shoals Park
	Barbara Marin	Friends of Springbrook Park	DeKalb County: Springbrook Park
	Nancy Jones	Blue Heron Nature Preserve	City of Atlanta: Blue Heron Nature Preserve
	Jessie Grossman	Community Bucket	
2018	Isabel Gonzalez Whitaker	Friends of Sara J. Gonzalez Park	City of Atlanta: Sara J. Gonzalez Park
	Bob Kerr	South Fork Conservancy	
	Joel Slaton	Friends of Constitution Lakes Park	DeKalb County: Constitution Lakes Park
	Decton Hylton	Friends of Forty Oaks Nature Preserve	City of Clarkston (DeKalb County): Forty Oaks Nature Preserve
	Cara Schroeder	Tucker Parks	City of Tucker (DeKalb County): Henderson Park
	Tony Torrence	Community Improvement Association	
2019	Jy'Quan Almond	Urban Food Forest at Brown's Mill	City of Atlanta: Urban Food Forest at Brown's Mill
	Nancy Boyd	Freedom Park Conservancy	City of Atlanta: Freedom Park
	Jessie Hayden	Friends of Briarlake Forest Park	DeKalb County: Briarlake Forest Park
	Bill Lide	Friends of Kittredge Park	DeKalb County: Kittredge Park

	Billie Walker	Friends of Mattie Freeland Park	City of Atlanta: Mattie Freeland Park
	Lewis Woodson	NPU-P Parks	City of Atlanta: NPU-P
2020	Sofia Bork	Friends of Sara J. Gonzalez Park	City of Atlanta: Sara J. Gonzalez Park
	Annie Moore	Friends of Lindsay Street Park	City of Atlanta: Lindsay Street Park
	George Ickes	Olmsted Linear Parks Alliance	City of Atlanta & DeKalb County: Olmsted Linear Parks
	Joe Perry	Friends of Intrenchment Creek Park	DeKalb County: South River Forest and Intrenchment Creek Park
	Dan Calvert	former Planner, City of Atlanta Office of Park Design	City of Atlanta
	Keith Sharp	Riverwalk Atlanta	City of Atlanta: Lower Paul Park
2021	Chris Alasa	Friends of Knight Park	City of Atlanta: Knight Park
	Lou Clymore	Friends of Tapestry Community Greenspace	City of Atlanta: Tapestry Greenspace
	Shirley Nichols	Friends of South River Gardens	City of Atlanta: Parks of South River Gardens (Hutchens Road Park/Lake Charlotte)
	Patrick Noonan	Friends of Thomson Park	DeKalb County: W.D. Thomson Park
	Jakequeline Walls	Friends of Fork Creek Mountain Park	DeKalb County: Fork Creek Mountain Park
2022	Rene Iverson	Friends of Little Creek Farm Conservancy	DeKalb County: Little Creek Horse Farm
	Steve Peters	Friends of Murphey Candler Park	City of Brookhaven: Murphey Candler Park

		Conservancy, PARC Brookhaven	
	Margo Reynolds	Friends of Briarlake Forest Park	DeKalb County: Briarlake Forest Park
	Carrie Salvary	Alliance for the Activation of Cook Park	City of Atlanta: Rodney Cook Sr. Park
	Camilla Warren	US Environmental Protection Agency	
	Winfrey Young	Friends of Pittman Park	City of Atlanta: Pittman Park
2023	Taryn Arbeiter	Friends of Chosewood Park	City of Atlanta: Chosewood Park
	Gabbie Atsepoyi-Hill	Friends of Columbia Elementary Forest	DeKalb County: Columbia Forest
	Valerie Boss	Friends of Melton Park	DeKalb County: Ira B. Melton Park
	Marti Breen	Friends of Herbert Taylor- Daniel Johnson	City of Atlanta: Herbert Taylor–Daniel Johnson Park
	Juanita Wallace (posthumous)	Friends of Kathryn Johnston Memorial Park	City of Atlanta: English Avenue parks
	Wayne Powell	Friends of Shoal Creek Park I	DeKalb County: Shoal Creek Park I
	Donna Stephens	Friends of English Park	City of Atlanta: English Park
2024	Brenda Busby	Friends of Frazier-Rowe Park	DeKalb County: Frazier- Rowe Park
	Christi Jackson	The Conservancy at Historic Washington Park	City of Atlanta: Washington Park
	Yomi Noibi	EcoAction (retired)	City of Atlanta
	Pat Reynolds	Friends of Zonolite Park & Friends of Orme Park	DeKalb County & City of Atlanta: Zonolite Park & Orme Park

	Gwendolyn Stegall	Friends of Hairston Park	DeKalb County: Hairston Park
	Jack White	Friends of John Howell Memorial Park	City of Atlanta: John Howell Memorial Park
2025	Priscilla Davenport	Friends of N.H. Scott Park	DeKalb County: N.H. Scott Park
	David Lloyd Davis	Cascade Springs Nature Conservancy	City of Atlanta: Cascade Springs Nature Preserve
	John Pappas	Friends of Sydney Marcus Park	City of Atlanta: Sydney Marcus Park
	Joanna Powell	Friends of Lillian Cooper Shepherd Park	City of Atlanta: Lillian Cooper Shepherd Park
	Bobby Spiller	Friends of Chosewood Park	City of Atlanta: Chosewood Park