



## **Ross Biederman Volunteer Service Award**

Ross Biederman chaired the all-volunteer Recreational Authority Board of Directors from its inception in 2003 until 2021. A local radio broadcaster and community benefactor, Ross's selfless leadership of the Rec Authority was rooted in his deep love for our region and an innate commitment to community service, all delivered with humility and grace that belied his many skills, achievements and accolades. The recipients of this award carry on Ross's legacy of volunteer service to the Rec Authority and his advocacy of public open space, historic preservation and education.

### **Nominating Process and Criteria for Selection**

Award considerations are by nomination only and are for an individual who has provided exemplary volunteer service to the Rec Authority. The focus of the award nomination should be on the nominee's volunteer involvement with the properties of the Rec Authority (Hickory Forest, Hickory Meadows, Historic Barns Park and/or the West Bay Waterfront parcel), with a special emphasis on someone who has inspired excellence in public recreation activities, conservation and natural resources management.

Nominations are accepted on an annual basis from January 1 through March 31. The nominee's qualifications must be detailed using guidelines on the attached Nomination Form, indicating the accomplishments, volunteer activities and contributions made by the nominee. Central to the selection process is the nominee's demonstrated leadership and commitment to the work of the Rec Authority, and the nominee's influence on both stewardship of natural resources and advocacy for public recreation.

### **Award Presentation**

Applications submitted for the Ross Biederman Volunteer Service Award will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the Rec Authority Board of Directors by May 1 of each year. Final selection of an awardee will be made at a subsequent meeting of the full Board of Directors. A plaque honoring recipients is permanently on display inside the Cathedral Barn at Historic Barns Park.



**ROSS BIEDERMAN VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD  
NOMINATION FORM**

**Nominee's Name:**  
**Nominee's Address:**  
**Nominee's Phone:**  
**Nominee's Email:**

**Description of Nominee**

Please provide your reasons for nominating this individual, along with the nominee's demonstrated leadership and commitment to the work of the Rec Authority and the nominee's influence on both stewardship of natural resources and advocacy for public recreation. Attach separate or additional sheets as necessary.

**Nominator's Name:**  
**Nominator's Address:**  
**Nominator's Phone:**  
**Nominator's Email:**  
**Date of Submission:**

**Instructions for Submittal**

Nominations are accepted on an annual basis beginning January 1 and must be received by March 31. Please email or mail nominations to:

Rec Authority  
1500 Red Drive  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
[mcowall@recauthority.org](mailto:mcowall@recauthority.org)

For more information, email [mcowall@recauthority.org](mailto:mcowall@recauthority.org) or call 231-715-1380.