

# 2005

## CONSERVATION PIONEER AWARDS

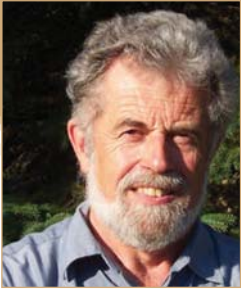


This award is designed to recognize individuals who have demonstrated life-long, outstanding contributions to the field of conservation. They are recognized for their innovation, leadership and dedication to the conservation field. Either through their personal activities and/or leadership, they have gone beyond the call of duty or responsibility to an employer, client or their community.

These individuals have helped to celebrate and inspire innovation in the conservation field and have made a difference in their area of expertise. Nominees have encouraged and motivated others to take similar leadership roles towards conservation work.

Nominations are reviewed and evaluated by a special sub-committee of the Latornell Steering Committee.

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## DAVID PEARSON

A Full Professor for the Department of Earth Sciences, Dr. Pearson has played leadership roles in provincial and community-based environmental organizations ever since his arrival in Canada from England in 1969 and continues to support both individuals and groups working towards building sustainable communities.

As a professor, he has inspired many students but his reach extends far beyond the halls of the university. Dr. Pearson has written, hosted and appeared on both radio and television programs that have been broadcast nation-wide. His wonderful ability to communicate complex scientific information to all audiences has been recognized on numerous occasions, demonstrating his ability to promote and communicate science to the general public and students.



## GRAY MERRIAM

A world-renowned Landscape Ecologist, Gray Merriam has dedicated most of his life to promoting environmental conservation and good land stewardship and volunteering within his community.

For close to 50 years, Dr. Gray Merriam has had a profound impact on the young minds of this province, shaping the views of many of today's decision makers. He has led the way in landscape ecology research nationally and abroad. He has had a direct impact on our ecosystem's health through various restoration projects. And today, though retired, he continues to lead by example as he helps build the community's capacity to take greater responsibility for stewardship-related decisions.



## ANTHONY SMITH

Dr. Anthony Smith has had an extensive career with the Grand River Conservation Authority and has demonstrated his ability to bring both people and agencies together to work toward one common goal: conservation. Anthony's work on the Grand River Basin Water Management Study represented a milestone achievement for the GCRA. Before his retirement in 2003, he was actively involved in extremely significant

projects both internationally and within Canada but is now still actively involved in the Water Managers Working Group.

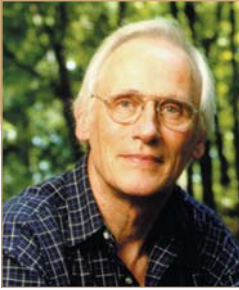
Over the years, Anthony's efforts have contributed greatly to the Grand River Conservation Authority's reputation as a leading-edge watershed management agency as his influence is far-reaching and significant not only within the Grand River watershed but also provincially and nationally.



## DONALD LOBB

A leader in soil and water conservation in Huron County for over 20 years, Donald Lobb is a farmer dedicated to innovation and conservation both locally and nationally. He was instrumental in organizing the grassroots organization 'Huron Soil and Water Conservation District' and became the founding Director of Soil Conservation Canada in 1987.

His vision is an inspiration to students at all levels and researchers alike - and his dedication is like none other for he even offers his land as a key area to facilitate their studies on sustainable land use. Clearly, through his example and vision, Don is one of the most significant pioneers in soil and water conservation.



## BEN VANDERBRUG

Founding General Manager of the Hamilton Conservation Authority and staunch supporter of the Hamilton community, Ben Vanderbrug has served the environment and his community for more than 45 years. Through Ben's work, the HCA initiated a hands-on outdoor environmental education program that has expanded significantly over the years, benefiting well over 300,000 students in his community.

His lifetime commitment to the Ontario conservation movement has left Hamilton and many generations of its citizens with a legacy of more than 10,000 acres of protected natural areas and open green space. Although now retired, Ben continues to be actively involved in his community and conservation efforts.

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# PIONEER AWARD WINNERS

## 2005

DON LOBB, DR. GRAY MERRIAM, DR. DAVID PEARSON,  
DR. ANTHONY SMITH, BEN VANDERBRUG

## 2004

MALCOLM KIRK, PATRICK J. MCMANUS, DR. DUNCAN SINCLAIR,  
MARIA AND PAUL HESSLER, DAVID CRESSMAN

## 2003

RON SCOTT, JACK MACPHERSON, ARTHUR HERBERT RICHARDSON,  
GRETA MCGILLIVRAY, WILLIAM McLEAN.

## 2002

HAL HOOKE, TERRY SPRAGUE, JIM BRUCE, TERK BAYLY, RHEAL PROULX,  
TOM MILLAR, PETER MICHEAL ROSE HARVIE.

## 2001

KEN MAYALL, MURRAY MILLER, DOUGLAS HOFFMAN, ELWOOD MOORE,  
GEORGE R. RICHARDSON, GORDON OLDFIELD.

## 2000

JIM BAUER, JANET FLETCHER, HARRY BARRETT, TREVOR DICKINSON,  
RAY LOWES, BOB BURGAR.

## 1999

JOHN MURRAY, CHARLES ALEXANDER, LEN JOHSON, DR. DAVID ANKNEY,  
CHRISTINE NORNABELL, RUSSELL PIPER, MAT COUTTS, KEN HIGGS

If you are interested in nominating an individual for consideration to the 2006 Conservation Pioneer Award, see the criteria detailed on the A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium website at [www.latornell.ca](http://www.latornell.ca)

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