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**Nominations Sought for Wildlands Conservancy's**

**Charlie H. Nehf, Sr. Conservation Leadership Award**

(Emmaus, Pa., July 29, 2009) - Nominations are being sought for Wildlands Conservancy's Charles H. Nehf, Sr. Conservation Leadership Award. The award seeks to honor an individual who has made a life-long and an outstanding commitment to environmental education, preservation of wildlife habitats or land conservation efforts in the greater Lehigh Valley region.

Nominations can be submitted by a one-page summary of the nominee's accomplishments and justification for receiving the award. Contact information of the nominee and the group or individual making the nomination should be included. Send the information, postmarked no later than October 2, 2009, to Nomination Committee c/o Wildlands Conservancy, 3701 Orchid Place, Emmaus, PA 18049.

The award will be given at Wildlands Conservancy's annual Green Gala, which will be held Friday, November 20, 2009 at Brookside Country Club. Past recipients include Bob and Ardie Rodale; Gloria Pool and the late Leonard Parker Pool.

Charles H. Nehf, Sr. was instrumental in the preservation of thousands of acres of woodlands, special eco-systems and other wild places in eastern Pennsylvania. As a volunteer, Nehf headed the Wildlands Trust Fund of Wildlands Conservancy for nearly 15 years. He was an avid hunter, angler, and served as the Morning Call's outdoor columnist, an Allentown School District teacher and administrator and board member of Wildlands Conservancy.

#### **About Wildlands Conservancy**

Wildlands Conservancy's mission is to preserve, protect, restore and enhance the land, water, ecological and recreational resources of the Lehigh Valley and Lehigh River valley. Founded in 1973, the Conservancy has protected more than 47,000 acres of eastern Pennsylvania's farmland and wild lands, created more than 90 miles of terrestrial aquatic trails, and has educated more than 500,000 individuals on responsible environmental stewardship and management.

Wildlands Conservancy is a non-profit organization with 19 full-time staff members working out of its offices at the 77.5-acre Pool Wildlife Sanctuary in Emmaus, PA. For more information on the organization and its programs visit [www.wildlandspa.org](http://www.wildlandspa.org).

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