# J. STERLING MORTON AWARD

The J. Sterling Morton Award recognizes an individual who has had a positive impact on the environment due to his or her lifelong commitment to tree planting and conservation. The individual will have demonstrated a commitment to advancing tree planting and care through a record of education, work experience, talent, and temperament. The award winner will have made significant contributions to tree planting, canopy improvement, conservation, education, research, or organizational leadership over his or her lifetime or professional career.

### *Eligibility*

Those eligible include individuals with a longstanding dedication to trees. This is a lifetime achievement award.

### *Criteria*

The award winner: Demonstrates outstanding commitment over his or her career or lifetime to tree planting and care for the betterment of the environment. Is a respected leader, recognized as a model of integrity and collaboration as he or she mobilizes others in tree planting and care. Inspires others to engage in careers in tree planting, arboriculture, urban planning, landscape architecture, conservation education, horticulture, research, or community service.

### *Nominations*

Please provide a brief nomination narrative providing justification for the nomination based on the criteria described above. Nomination must state the Name, Title, Organization, Email, and Telephone Number of both the nominator and the nominee, if different. Nomination narratives should not exceed two (2) pages in length. Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged. Nominations for the J. Sterling Morton Award are due by 5:00 pm, Friday, March 19, 2021.  Nominations must be **emailed** to Shannon Hart, NJ Urban and Community Forestry Program, Shannon.hart@dep.nj.gov. The subject of the email must state: J. Sterling Morton Award Nomination. Questions may be directed to Ms. Hart at the email provided or 609.292.6512.

The recipient of the J. Sterling Morton Award will be announced on Arbor Day, April 30, 2021.