



2013

**Green Decade Environmental Leadership
Award to a Community Group**

for a significant contribution to preserving the environment
is presented to

Crystal Lake Conservancy

You have made an outstanding environmental contribution in Newton. We want to honor you for the wonderful work your leaders have been doing to preserve and protect the quality of the water in Crystal Lake for the benefit of the public. You are working to reduce the algae bloom that closed the lake to swimming in 2012.

The Crystal Lake Conservancy works to increase community awareness of issues related to the Lake by providing information on its web site and by printing information concerning the Lake. One of your highest priorities is to develop a set of recommended best practices regarding the protection and preservation of the Lake. Your group also promotes environmentally sustainable uses for Crystal Lake and surrounding public lands among those who utilize the Lake for recreation.

The Crystal Lake Conservancy relies on expert research and recommendations to determine the impact of the overuse of nutrients in lawn fertilizer within the Lake's watershed, the effects of polluted storm water drainage into the lake and the environmental impact of activities associated with the use of the Lake. You are encouraging residents to use organic lawn care. You are widely distributing the results of assessments and this resource provides guidance in the development of a long range plan for physical, natural and aesthetic improvements, as well as maintenance of the Lake. Green Decade/Newton is grateful to you for your outstanding effort to promote and support the unique natural beauty and recreational enjoyment of the Lake, while preserving and protecting it as one of our community's most valuable natural resources.

We thank you for your significant contributions.

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