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Diane Hoffman Earns Park Authority's Sally Ormsby Award

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board has named Diane Hoffman, former executive director of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD), as the 2014 recipient of the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award. The award, named for the late Sally B. Ormsby, a champion of stewardship issues in Fairfax County, recognizes individuals whose actions embody the spirit and values of stewardship and result in tangible benefits for the environment and the community.

Hoffman has been instrumental in environmental conservation efforts in Fairfax County. Her service began in 1980, answering phones at the NVSWCD's front desk. Over the next three decades, she devoted herself to furthering the NVSWCD mission. As director, Hoffman refocused the district's attention from erosion and sediment pollution to storm water management. The result was the establishment of a partnership between NVSWCD and the Park Authority that continues to flourish. Together, these agencies have worked to improve soil and water conservation in the area.

Hoffman has a unique ability to bring people together in the pursuit of environmental preservation and stewardship. Through her leadership, the county has been able to build and maintain multiple rain gardens, complete the mapping of nearly 30,000 acres of soil in the eastern part of the county, and install underground storm water storage locations. In addition, Hoffman forged relationships among organizations. For example, through the Wakefield Park project, Hoffman brought together five different groups: the Park Authority, the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Dominion Power, representatives from the District Supervisor's Office, and the Friends of Accotink Creek.

Hoffman will receive the award at the Elly Doyle Park Services and Outstanding Volunteers Award ceremony in November 2014. For more information, call the Park Authority's Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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