



# 2021 ELLY DOYLE PARK SERVICE AWARD

Parks enhance the quality of life in Fairfax County. They provide open spaces where county residents relax, play and learn. Parks make a difference to people, but people also make a difference to parks. Each year, thousands of volunteers donate their talents and time to protect natural and cultural resources, enhance educational and recreational services and help the public enjoy their parks. Now is the time to recognize the people who make Fairfax County parks wonderful places! Help acknowledge the efforts of volunteers who give to all of us and nominate a deserving individual or group for the Elly Doyle Park Service Award.

## ABOUT THE AWARD

The Elly Doyle Park Service Award was established by the Fairfax County Park Authority on December 20, 1988, in recognition of former Park Authority Board Chairman and member Ellamae Doyle's years of outstanding service toward the preservation of parkland and establishment of natural and recreational areas for the benefit of Fairfax County residents. The purpose of the award is to publicly recognize a volunteer or group of volunteers for outstanding contributions to Fairfax County parks.

## ELIGIBILITY FOR THE AWARD

The Elly Doyle Park Service Award is open to individuals and groups that have made outstanding service contributions to Fairfax County parks, including Fairfax County Park Authority volunteers. A service contribution is the giving of time or expertise to the Fairfax County Park Authority for the advancement of recreational and/or educational opportunities or the protection of natural, cultural and historic resources in Fairfax County.

The contribution on which the nomination is based must have occurred within the prior year (March 2020 – March 2021), but may also include accomplishments accumulated over time.

Currently serving members of the Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax County Park Authority Board, Fairfax County Park Authority paid staff, and the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board of Directors and their paid staff are excluded from eligibility.

Award recipients will be honored in November 2021 and Elly Doyle Park Service Award recipients' names will be placed on a bronze plaque at the Fairfax County Government Center.

## WHO MAY NOMINATE

Anyone may submit a nomination for the Elly Doyle Park Service Award. Widespread participation in the award process is encouraged.

## **NOMINATIONS MUST INCLUDE**

- Identification and contact information for the nominee(s) and nominator
- Completed nomination form; incomplete nomination forms will not be considered
- A separate nomination form for each nominee.

The nomination should answer the following questions:

- What is the nominee's role or involvement with the Park Authority?
- What is their length of service?
- How has the nominee helped to advance recreational and/or educational opportunities or aided in the protection of natural, cultural and historic resources in Fairfax County?
- What are some of the specific results the nominee has achieved?
- What makes the nominee's contribution extraordinary or unusual?
- What are the present and/or future benefits to parks and residents of the nominee's contributions?

**Attach any supporting documentation and a photo of the nominee(s), if possible.**

## **SELECTION OF AWARDEES**

The nominations will be reviewed by the Park Authority Board Committee of the Whole. The number of Elly Doyle Park Service awardees will generally not exceed three in any given year. In addition, five special recognition honorees and one student honoree may be selected. The exact number of awardees is determined at the discretion of the Park Authority Board. Individuals and organizations may only receive an Elly Doyle Award once. For a full listing of previous winners please visit online at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sites/parks/files/Assets/documents/aboutus/awards/Elly-Doyle-Awards-History.pdf>.

## **CLOSING DATE**

To be considered for the 2021 Elly Doyle Park Service Award, nominations must reach the Park Authority Public Information Office by **Thursday, June 17, 2021**. Inquiries may be directed to the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

## **TIMETABLE**

Nominations Open in March 2021

Nominations Close on June 17, 2021

Awardees will be honored in November 2021

## **NOMINATION FORM**

The nomination form can be found online at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/awards/ellydoyle>.

