



2011 MWMC Carl Weber Award – William P. Stack

Bill Stack, of the Center for Watershed Protection is passionate about water quality. He has worked hard to allow his employees to, grow and reach their full potential and this has paid dividends in terms of the respect shown for his group by outside agencies and citizen groups alike. This function is important to the grooming of trained, well-informed technicians and professionals needed to interface with both colleagues and watershed advocates.

Facilitating the development for talented and future personnel within institutions is at least as important as developing counterparts at the grass-roots advocacy realm, as both function in protecting and improving water resources over the long-term.

Additionally, his overall commitment to water quality can be seen in Bill's long involvement and exceptional leadership in the Reservoir Technical Committee and in updating the multi-jurisdictional Reservoir Management Agreement. This required long-term drive, as well as talent for working with a wide array of people and agencies. It was, in essence a mini Chesapeake Bay agreement, and now serves as a model of cooperation and application of science and technology in providing clean drinking water to Baltimore's residents. His commitment to science based resource management is exemplified through his continued support for and interactions with the Long-term Ecological Research project in Baltimore (the Baltimore Ecosystem Study), which was recently recognized in his receiving of the 2nd annual "Directors" award from BES.

Bill's commitment to the citizen's of Baltimore on a smaller, neighborhood and watershed scales is illustrated by his current "fathering", leadership and tireless support of the novel Watershed 263 project in West Baltimore, where he transformed the City's responsibilities to improve water quality in urban runoff under the City's federally mandated NPDES stormwater program. Bill uses a "thinking out of the box" approach, in recognizing the connection between the

traditionally mundane process of stormwater management and the potential for improvement of residential landscapes through greening and improved trash removal. . Through his leadership, the people of West Baltimore will experience a much-improved environment and the City will achieve its goals under a major stormwater regulatory program.

Bill's long involvement with MWMC through many years has been many-faceted. He was an important part of the first critical years of the council when his fostering and gathering of talented members was crucial. Over the years Bill has served on the board of directors as well as numerous committees including board chairman. Through his patience, shepherding, technical-science orientation, and attention to the importance of outreach to both the technical and community, has been a significant part of the council's advanced and maturity into a useful part of the water resources landscape in Maryland.