

**Sun Gazette Trophy**  
**Larry Finch**  
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Tonight we recognize a person who is remarkable for his many accomplishments and contributions to Arlington. If we were to try to see his “carbon footprint”, it would require the use of a microscope, as he has for decades fought against green house gases, stream pollution, and any threat to Arlington’s tree canopy.

It was Larry Finch that, through the Donaldson Run Civic Association, led the movement to create the one and half mile long Donaldson Run Walkabout. One of the highlights of this walking tour is the Zachary Taylor Park where one can see a prime example of how a stream bed can be restored without rocks or concrete.

Within the Arlington County Civic Federation he has served on the Executive Committee and decades as Chair of the Environmental Committee.

He represented the Arlington County Civic Federation on the Arlington County Community Energy and Sustainability Task Force in 2010 and 2011. The task force worked to reduce per capita green house gas emissions by as much five times over the next forty years.

Larry is a leader within the Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE) where he was instrumental in the Arlington Tree Canopy Fund. He played an important role in raising funds for the continued operation of the Gulf Branch Nature Center.

He is the Chair of the Urban Forestry Commission and was instrumental in the *Natural Heritage Resource Inventory* (NHRI) which provides Arlington County with specific data of our streams, wetlands, trees, and open lands. Arlington’s *Public Spaces Master Plan* is also one of Larry Finch’s contributions to a better Arlington.

To Arlington’s own Johnny Appleseed and dedicated member of the Civic Federation we salute you, Larry Finch, for your tireless efforts.