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It is our great pleasure to present Rachel McKay with the 2024 Environmental Award for Land Use. Rachel has been a long-time resident of the watershed – specifically of the Arcola Region in Lower Providence Township. For more than a decade she has hosted the Arcola, Pennsylvania Facebook Page which posts on all things wild along the Perkiomen. In 2019, she even shared video footage of river otters mating along the creek!

Rachel has been a tireless advocate for the natural world and just a few years ago became the protector of a nesting pair of Bald Eagles; which consequently, continue to nest in the area. Unfortunately, Hurricane Ida forced Rachel from her beloved creekside home, but she turned tragedy into triumph. Rachel recently donated her 7.5-acre Arcola Island to the Conservancy to use for education and research.

Thank you, Rachel, for your support of all things wild and for your selfless desire to preserve and protect the Perkiomen.