



2008 MWMC Carl Weber Award – Dr. Ronald Kluda

As a pioneer in the water monitoring realm in Maryland, Ron has dedicated much of his professional and personal time to the goal of better cooperation, communication and collaboration among water monitoring entities throughout the state.

From its inception over 14 years ago, Ron has worked tirelessly to help advance the goals of the Council. He has served on the Board of Directors, chaired several committees, organized several workshops, assisted in the planning of the annual conference and has worked to ensure that the Council's "infrastructure" has been maintained within DNR.

Ron's dedication to the involvement of Maryland's citizens in Maryland water monitoring and environmental stewardship has been steadfast for over a decade. He was instrumental in the establishment of Maryland's first Volunteer Water Monitoring Coordinator who assisted citizen monitoring organizations in program planning and implementation.

Together with his wife Cathy, Ron became a Maryland Stream Wader and sampled aquatic invertebrates in over ten freshwater stream sites near his home in Calvert County. He has also participated in other local citizen-driven efforts to assess and improve water quality near his home.