**The “Al French” Bay Circuit Trail Service Award**

**Nominations for 2017 are due by Sunday, Oct 15 (end of day)**

**Purpose:** The Bay Circuit Trail exists thanks to the extraordinary passion and hard work of volunteers. This award will recognize volunteers for exceptional, inspirational efforts to promote and/or improve the Bay Circuit Trail as a resource for outdoor recreation, nature connection, and the general enjoyment of open spaces and communities.

**Criteria:** Any volunteer (individual or group) is eligible for this award, whether their contributions come in the form of trail stewardship, land protection, route dedication, local/regional representation, advocacy, or more. The nominee’s efforts are not limited to the calendar year of the award, but any project or initiative should be substantially completed by the time of the nomination period. Self-nominations accepted.

**Nomination Process:** Annual announcements about the nomination process will be dispersed through the Bay Circuit Trail Committee, Advisory Committee, Bay Circuit Alliance membership, and posted on www.baycircuit.org. Anyone in the Bay Circuit Trail community is invited to make nominations by returning this form by email to the Nomination Review Committee via Kristen Sykes at ksykes@outdoors.org.

*Members of the Bay Circuit Trail Committee and the award Review Committee (see below) are not eligible to receive this award for work performed while actively serving on the committee(s).*

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| Nominator Name: |  |
| Nominator Contact (phone & email): |  |
| Nomination Name: |  |
| Qualifications (Limit to 2 typed pages) \*Suggested details to address: specific project description, location, impact of work, number of people involved. \*We encourage you to attach relevant photos, maps, diagrams, etc.  |  |
| Suggested contacts with knowledge of Nominee’s efforts (name, email, phone) |  |

**Review Process**: Following an initial review, members of the review committee will seek additional input on the most promising nominees from other people familiar with the volunteer’s contributions. The review committee will forward top candidates to the Bay Circuit Alliance Director of Operations and the Bay Circuit Trail Volunteer Programs Supervisor for review and comment on the committee’s final selection.

**Award:** Awards are presented during the Bay Circuit Alliance Annual Meeting. Information on the award recipients will be posted on the Bay Circuit Trail website.

**2017 Review Committee:**

Liz Armstrong, BCTC Representative (Georgetown, Boxford, North Andover, Andover, Middleton)

Bruce Shick, BCTC Representative (Tewksbury)

Maureen Thomas, BCTC Representative (Pembroke , Duxbury, Kingston)