

Center for Watershed Protection Honors Ecotone for Innovation and Leadership

Maryland's Fast-Growing Ecological Restoration Company Receives Industry Recognition

Baltimore, MD (May 2, 2017) - The Center for Watershed Protection has recognized Scott McGill of Maryland based ecological restoration company, Ecotone, Inc with its 2017 *Innovation and Leadership in Watershed Protection and Restoration* award for partnering with designers, researchers and local governments to advance science-based approaches to stormwater and watershed management projects.

In total, the Center for Watershed Protection has recognized eight of its partner organizations as recipients of its 2017 Innovation and Leadership in Watershed Protection and Restoration awards for developing and deploying best practices to enhance water quality. The recipients were named at the Center's annual conference marking the organization's 25th year of being a national leader in stormwater management and watershed planning.

"The Center for Watershed Protection wants every community in our country to have clean water and healthy natural resources," said Hye Yeong Kwon, executive director of the Center for Watershed Protection. "In order to achieve that vision, nonprofit, private and government organizations must work together and demonstrate innovation, initiative and excellence. This award recognizes emerging leaders and visionaries from across the country who have used innovative practices to improve our water."

"We are thrilled and honored to receive this award from an organization so well respected and impactful as the Center for Watershed Protection," said Scott McGill, Founder and CEO of Ecotone. "We are proud of our employees and the important ecological restoration work that they are putting into practice into our local streams. We will continue to strive to be the model for sustainable and innovative restoration within the Chesapeake Bay watershed and the greater Mid-Atlantic region."

The Center for Watershed Protection Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering responsible land and water management through applied research, direct assistance to communities, award-winning training, and access to a network of experienced professionals. It was founded in 1992 and is headquartered in Howard County with several offices throughout the country.

Founded in 1998, Ecotone is an environmental restoration company that designs and builds sustainable ecological systems. Ecotone provides full-delivery ecosystem restoration and mitigation, as well as restoration design, consulting, and construction services all under one roof.

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