

Nominations for DCR Employee of the Year 2011 Award

I would like to nominate District Manager, North Berkshire District, Timothy Zelazo for the Friends Network DCR Employee of the Year Award for his continuous support of the Friends of Mohawk Trail State Forest in assisting DCR to promote and protect our special forest resources. Tim understands the value of presenting our forest treasures to the general public in ways that protect those resources while engendering pride in them. Tim is also to be commended for his enthusiastic support of interpretive services for DCR parks, and his desire to see those resources strengthened. Tim has made a concerted effort to visit, understand, and appreciate the superlative natural, historic, and cultural sites in his region. He has worked hard to improve the condition of the trails and to understand the features that visitors see along the trail network. As a direct consequence of Tim's efforts, outstanding properties like Mohawk and Monroe State Forests and Mount Greylock State Reservation are enjoying greater public appreciation. Lastly, Tim understands the value of a strong, productive working relationship between DCR and Friends volunteers and he is working to facilitate connections between internal and external human resources to improve our state park system during this time of extraordinary budgetary limitations.