



May 1, 2012

Dear Mr. Remillard and employees of Oil N' Go of South Burlington,

We'd like to congratulate you on your nomination for the CVPS-Zetterstrom Environmental Award and recognize you for your contributions to the state of Vermont. We had a tremendous field of nominees, with some incredible accomplishments, including more than a dozen serious contenders for the award.

Although I'm sorry to say you were not selected as the winner, I want to encourage you to continue your great efforts and know that they do not go unrecognized. We look forward to seeing your name again in future nominations.

Our selection committee, which included half a dozen CVPS employees with environmental duties as part of their jobs, was incredibly impressed by the depth and breadth of the nominations this year. The committee asked that I pass along its admiration for each of the nominees, who have all done wonderful things for Vermont and its environment.

The winner, who will be announced publicly on May 2, the day I expect you will receive this letter, is Margaret Fowle of Huntington. Since 1997, Margaret has been a key leader in managing the peregrine falcon recovery effort in Vermont. She has worked on everything from public education about peregrines to bird banding, protection of nest sites, fundraising, population monitoring with trained scientists, and coordination with numerous states, agencies and non-profit groups. Margaret's determination, selflessness and commitment to environmental education mirror the work of Meeri Zetterstrom and enabled her to help direct one of the state's most successful conservation efforts on record.

Margaret is the third winner of the annual CVPS-Zetterstrom Environmental Award. She joins 2010 winner Sally Laughlin, a leading wildlife advocate and scientist, and 2011 winner Michael Smith, who turned an overgrown forest into an environmental oasis with miles of trails in the City of Rutland.

Thank you again for your commitment to bettering Vermont's environment. The strength of the pool of candidates made the ultimate selection even more meaningful, and I believe bodes well for Vermont's great outdoors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Costello", written in a cursive style.

Steve Costello
Director of Public Affairs