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LEXINGTON, Kentucky – Don Robinson, owner of Winter Quarter Farm and best known for breeding multiple Eclipse Award winner Zenyatta, 2010 Horse of the Year, and his leadership as chairman of the LFUCG Planning Commission making the motion for the change for minimum lot acreage from 10 to 40 acres in agricultural areas, was named the 2013 Josephine Abercrombie Vision Award Winner; and Mayor Ed Burtner of Winchester, who has been a major advocate for Bluegrass Station and the Bluegrass Army Depot and is active in many regional organizations and projects, won the “Bluegrass Legacy” Vision Award, at Bluegrass Tomorrow’s annual Vision Awards Breakfast recently.

Kentucky State University’s new floating laboratory on the Kentucky River (the Kentucky River Thorobred), Knox van Nagell of the Fayette Alliance, Bluegrass Greensource, and the National Park Service, Rivers Trails Conservation Assistance Program, were among the other Vision Award honorees for the outstanding service to the organization and the 18 county region, “making the Bluegrass Region a better place to live and work,” Bluegrass Tomorrow’s mission.

The special Robert Clay Award was also presented to Judy Clabes of KY Forward, as Bluegrass Tomorrow’s “most valuable” board member, who has done the most to improve the organization over the last year.

Passionate about the preservation and protection of our precious Bluegrass soils and our equine/agricultural industry, Robinson is a director and past president of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, the Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association, and is past president of the Fayette County Farm Bureau, and is currently chairman of the Fayette Alliance.

Mayor Burtner has been a board member of Bluegrass Tomorrow and the Bluegrass Area Development District, and has been very actively involved in the United Way and the regional Public Policy Group facilitated by Commerce Lexington passionate and advocating for many important regional issues including education, drug abuse, the Kentucky River, water supply and others.

The Kentucky State University’s Kentucky River Thoroughbred floating laboratory is a unique 52-foot pontoon boat which is being used for research on river ecology and environment, was honored with the Education Vision Award. Bluegrass Greensource (formerly PRIDE) won the Green/Sustainability Vision Award for its excellence and continued work in environmental education and sustainability.

Knox Van Nagell of the Fayette Alliance was honored with the Equine/Agriculture Vision Award for her tireless work in protecting precious Bluegrass soils and advocacy on more than 65 major land use policies. Russell Clark and Alison Bullock of National Park Service’s Rivers Trails Conservation Assistance Program won the Conservation/Preservation Vision Award for their work with the Kentucky River Water Trail Alliance and the Bluegrass Bike Hike Horseback Trails Alliance, important initiatives of Bluegrass Tomorrow.

Kyle Lake of Prosper Productions and Rebecca Barnes of Northwestern Mutual won Young Professionals Vision Awards for their tireless work with young professional organizations and projects in the region and promoting the Bluegrass Tomorrow philosophy of “developing an environment in the region where creative talent, young professionals, diversity and entrepreneurship will thrive.”

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