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## **Connecticut Bar Association Recognizes Westmoor Park with Clyde O. Fisher Award**

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. (September 24, 2018) – Westmoor Park has been recognized for its environmental education programs by the Environmental Law Section of the Connecticut Bar Association.

The Clyde O. Fisher Award recognizes individuals or entities who have made significant contributions to the preservation or enhancement of environmental quality through work in the field of environmental law, environmental protection, or environmental planning.

The award will be presented to Doug Jackson, Westmoor Park Naturalist, and Helen Rubino-Turco, the Town of West Hartford's Director of Leisure Services and Social Services, at the CBA's Environmental Law Section meeting on Wednesday, September 26.

"Westmoor Park is a hidden gem," said attorney Tim Hollister, a land use and environmental partner at Shipman & Goodwin in Hartford and West Hartford resident, who nominated the facility for the award. "This public park is managed as a wildlife sanctuary and demonstration farm for the benefit of the public. The park offers programming for thousands of school children and scouts each year, plus a wide variety of classes and activities year-round for the community and the region."

Westmoor Park is an environmental, agricultural and horticultural education center owned by the Town of West Hartford, CT. Founded in 1974, Westmoor Park's mission is to nurture a lifelong commitment to environmental awareness and responsible stewardship. The self-sustaining, 162-acre facility offers interpretive programs in natural history, agriculture, horticulture and environmental issues. It also supports a robust Plant-A-Row For the Hungry program.

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“Westmoor Park is a place where people can deepen their appreciation of the natural world on numerous levels. Here, people can memorize the song of a house wren, learn to distinguish between an oak and a maple, or discover why a frog is the new ‘canary in a coalmine.’ But they can also just take a walk in the woods and breathe deeply. Basically, we nurture environmental stewardship. We’re so pleased to receive the Clyde O. Fisher Award,” said Helen Rubino-Turco, Director, West Hartford Department of Leisure Services & Social Services.

“I’m so pleased to accept this award on behalf of Westmoor Park. The successes and fine reputation that Westmoor Park enjoys with in this community is the result of the efforts and support of so many people; from a supportive Town administration and other Town Departments to dozens of part time staff members and hundreds of volunteers. I am so very honored to be a part of the services and opportunities that Westmoor Park provides to this community. Thank you to the Connecticut Bar Association for their recognition of our work, by awarding us the Clyde Fisher Award,” said Doug Jackson, Park Naturalist, Westmoor Park.

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