

WILLIAM HOEFERLIN AWARD

This award recognizes Trail Conference volunteers who have demonstrated exemplary service to trail maintenance, management, and/or trail land protection.



Presented to GLENN OLEKSAK, Butler, NJ

Glenn Oleksak supervises the 150 miles of Highlands Trail between the Delaware and Hudson Rivers. Through his enormous dedication to trail maintenance, management, and stewardship, Glenn embodies the spirit of the Hoeflerlin Award, which honors exemplary trail service. Glenn became the Highlands Trail Supervisor in 2005 and since that time he has spent much of his free time, often including vacations, working on the trail to keep it in good shape for an enjoyable hiking experience. He has also hiked the entire trail a few times, and it was during one of these early through-hikes that Glenn began to realize how much attention the trail would demand from him.

In addition to its often daunting maintenance needs, the Highlands Trail has other challenges as well, including landowner issues, frequent reroutes, and ATV damage. Glenn has effectively met all the challenges he has faced as Supervisor of the Highlands Trail. Glenn's dedication and passion are what make him the driving force behind the Highlands Trail.