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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **JOE IVERS, PH.D. AND GREATER PRINCE WILLIAM TRAILS COALITION RECEIVE CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR AWARD IN DUAL CEREMONY**

**Manassas, VA – February 24, 2023** – This year, with two extremely worthy nominations, the Prince William Chapter of Ducks Unlimited recognized Joe Ivers, Ph.D. and Greater Prince William Trails Coalition at its 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Auction attended by more than 220 local businessmen and businesswomen, state and local politicians, law enforcement, and Ducks Unlimited members. The award recognizes outstanding achievements and extraordinary commitments to land and wetlands conservation.

**Dr. Joe Ivers** is the owner and operator of Virginia Waters and Wetlands, Inc. and was nominated by the Prince William Soil and Water Conservation District. Dr. Ivers has designed, constructed, and maintained several wetlands, miles of streams, and multiple ponds in Northern Virginia. His nursery produces about 10,000 trees a year and has overseen planting of about 100,000 trees in the Northern Virginia area. Dr. Ivers is the chairman of the board of The Clean Water Project whose mission is to aid in the restoration and preservation of the physical, chemical, and biological integrity of our nation's waters through environmental stewardship, scientific research, restoration, and monitoring together with community outreach.

**Greater Prince William Trails Coalition** is a collaboration of public and private organizations, agencies, and citizen volunteers working to advance the completion of an interconnected, interjurisdictional network of multi-use trails in Prince William County, VA. The Coalition seeks partnerships with local agencies to expand the county's network of trails and blueways, the vision being a "scenic, sustainable, and connected multi-modal trail system for Greater Prince William County that enhances quality of life by providing equitable access to transportation, recreation, cultural, educational, and economic opportunities for all."

To learn more about the Prince William Chapter of Ducks Unlimited and how you can become involved at the local level, please contact Bryan Roberts at [info@pwducks.com](mailto:info@pwducks.com).

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