

# EDDY Awards

— by Kathy Wine

The mind boggles at the possibilities of what can come next when you learn all that our 2022 Eddy Award winners have achieved. So many programs can trace a lineage to these award winners. The following impactful leaders were given recognition at the Earth Day Fish & Fire Dinner, April 22, for going against the current to get things done as in an eddy.



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## Lifetime Achievement: **Bob Sinkler**

**Bob Sinkler** has played an organizing role in many things, yet takes his achievements lightly as he takes his work seriously. A courageous, committed leader and a longtime champion of natural solutions, he amazingly incorporates a philanthropic side into all his initiatives, and then he scales it up!

In his 30 years at the Corps, where he developed and managed \$1.5 B in environmental programs, he earned respect for his integrity and professionalism in working with both science and policy, and he has enhanced that reputation in the private sector. He knows policies, understands issues, respects its stakeholders, and will consistently defend the principles of saving large water systems. Katrina was a reckoning. For 36 months he engineered the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System in New Orleans. At The Nature Conservancy, he managed the Sustainable Rivers Program making water levels behind dams mimic the fluctuations of water. At the Pentagon, he served as Chair of the Synthetic Biology Committee for the Department of Defense.

Currently, as CEO of Riverside Global, a non-traditional water solutions company, he works on sustainable improvements to infrastructure. He recently launched the "Revolutionizing Midwestern Ports Initiative" creating new opportunities in inland shipping. For America's Watershed Initiative, he contributed to the first and second reports cards on the river's health. NOW, he just added managing government programs at Allonnia, Engineering with Nature. Whew!

Believing innovation doesn't come from government; he's inspired by what foundations are doing capturing carbon and encouraging new tools. "Work should not be managed by states, but by watershed" he says. "Reduce nutrients, improve water quality, and SCALE IT UP! If we managed water better, there would be no need for flood fighting."

A force of nature, certainly. We're pretty confident he will be influencing people for generations to come.



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