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**Village of South Barrington Wins  
BACOG 2017 Donald P. Klein Award**

**“Conservancy 2.0 Project”**

The Barrington Area Council of Governments created the Donald P. Klein award in 2010 to posthumously honor the first and long-time Executive Director of BACOG, Donald Patrick Klein. The award recognizes excellence in the current projects and activities of the BACOG villages and townships which further the goals advanced by Mr. Klein for over 30 years and the current priorities of the BACOG organization, all of which enhance the quality of life and the environment in the region.

BACOG is pleased to announce that this year’s award recipient is the Village of South Barrington for the “Conservancy 2.0” project. The acquisition and preservation by the Village of this 35 acre natural area over a dozen years ago was “Conservancy 1.0”. In recent years, the Village and its Conservancy Commission have restored and developed the area by removing invasive species, holding controlled burns, and planting native sedges and wildflowers. Volunteers have installed trails, educational pods, and an observation deck built with the Eagle Scouts. The Village also developed a new well on the site, which takes aquifer water level measurements for the BACOG monitoring program – and which provides another opportunity for public education. The Conservancy now hosts Arbor Day festivities and community events. In “Conservancy 2.0”, South Barrington and the Conservancy Commission have created a true regional asset.

Judges also considered the Village of North Barrington’s “Drainage Re-Establishment Project” for the Donald P. Klein award. This project restored an historic stream channel in Grassmere Farms subdivision to alleviate significant flooding in the Haverton-on-the-Pond subdivision and on Illinois Route 59.

The three independent Judging Committee members selected the award recipient: Bob Dean, Deputy Director of Planning, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning; Danielle Gallett, Manager, Metropolitan Planning Council; and Ryan James, Professor of Planning and Economic Geography, Northern Illinois University. BACOG appreciates their service.

Previous recipients were:

- Village of Barrington, The Barrington White House Restoration, 2015
- Village of Tower Lakes and Cuba Township, Preservation of Barclay's Woods Natural Area, 2013
- Village of North Barrington, Watershed Best Management Practices Handbook, 2011
- Village of Lake Barrington, Open Space Initiative / Freier Farm, 2010

The Barrington Area Council of Governments is a regional planning organization that fosters intergovernmental cooperation. Covering an 85-square-mile geographical area, BACOG represents eight municipalities and townships in areas of Cook, Lake, McHenry and Kane Counties. BACOG's government members are: Barrington, Barrington Hills, Barrington Township, Cuba Township, Lake Barrington, North Barrington, South Barrington and Tower Lakes.

For more information about BACOG, contact Executive Director Janet Agnoletti at 847-381-7871 or visit [www.bacog.org](http://www.bacog.org). For more information about the Klein Award, see [here](#).