

The Eugene M. Shoemaker Award for Lifetime Achievement in Communications is presented annually to a scientist who creates excitement and enthusiasm for science among non-scientists by using effective communication skills. Each year, a broad-based committee that represents the Bureau and past Lifetime Achievement award recipients reviews the nominees and the USGS Director selects the winner at the Committee's recommendation. USGS Chesapeake Bay Coordinator, Scott Phillips, has been selected as the recipient of the 2018 Shoemaker Award for Lifetime Achievement in Communications.

For over 20 years, Scott has been the technical leader and spokesperson for a highly successful, multidisciplinary team of USGS scientists and colleagues that provide priority science needs for the Chesapeake Bay restoration. Scott has been responsible for shaping the science portfolio, science team, and keystone products of the program; has edited or championed numerous science synthesis products, including circulars, factsheets, science summaries, videos, and similar companion products meant for decision makers with varied technical backgrounds; and has been a lead spokesperson for Federal science in one of this Nation's most far-reaching Federal, State, local, academic, and public partnerships.

Scott has excelled in communicating science to inform ecosystem restoration across the Chesapeake Bay Partnership (CBP), the Department of the Interior (DOI), White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the U.S. Congress. His accomplishments with the CBP include summarizing science to support the development of the Chesapeake Watershed Agreement, and interacting with CBP stakeholders to translate and apply science for decision making. Additionally, he has led numerous DOI briefings, and OMB and congressional field trips, briefings, testimonies, and courtesy visits. The breadth and effectiveness of his outreach activities is unprecedented within the USGS as is his ability to adjust his communication style and message to suit his audience. Scott connects the science we provide to things that all people who live or work in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed care about.

Scott's career has been marked by an unwavering belief in the essential role of science in informing management and restoration of our Nation's treasured landscapes and ecosystems, and a passion for public engagement with respect to the complex issues for restoration of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, estuary, and ecosystem.

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