The Pugsley Medal purpose is to honor outstanding contributions in parks and conservation. The Pugsley Medal is awarded to citizens, political leaders, park and conservation professionals who have dedicated their efforts to the advancement of parks and conservation at the local, regional, state, or national levels. Medal recipients inspire us as they have accomplished great things in furthering the parks and conservation agenda in the United States in their community in their region or state or nationally.

**MEDAL CRITERIA**

1. Nominee must be living at the time of nomination and must be a U.S. citizen.
2. Nominee will have preserved, facilitated, enhanced and/or created park and/or conservation lands which have significantly enriched the lives of people and/or made significant contributions to maintaining biodiversity.
3. Nominee may have developed or refined techniques or programs which advance the cause of parks and/or conservation.
4. Nominee's record reflects advocacy, originality, courageous decision-making, and dedication to the public good.
5. The award recognizes achievements/accomplishments, not longevity and/or effort. The award recognizes a life or career-long record of accomplishments. The award is not given for a “one-time” achievement.
6. Past recipients have been acknowledged as leaders in professional organizations, but the award is not given for service in such organizations.
7. Nominee’s personal and/or professional record shall not have unverified or verified allegations that would tarnish the reputation of The Honorable Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal.
8. A nominee may only be considered twice within a five year period.

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