



**The Friends Network 2013 Volunteer of the Year Award
Recognizing Caleb Blankenship
Volunteer Chair
Friends of the Blue Hills Reservation**

Nominee: Caleb Blankenship, Volunteer Chair, Friends of the Blue Hills Reservation

Nominated by: Judy Lehrer Jacobs

As volunteer Chair of the FBH trail maintenance program, Caleb has spent countless hours trimming branches, cleaning water bars and installing culverts. He also has devoted hours and even days to coordinating the volunteers, leading volunteer groups, answering inquiries and generally making sure the trails program is well organized and safe. As a result, the Friends of the Blue Hills engages over one hundred volunteers each year who devote over 1,000 hours to maintaining the trails for all users. Without his good-humor, persistence and organization, the trails in the Blue Hills would not be as well maintained and all visitors would suffer.

I enthusiastically nominate Caleb Blankenship for Volunteer of the Year.