

# The Garden Club of America

## AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA

AND THE

VIRGINIA INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE  
OF  
THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

This letter of agreement between The Garden Club of America (GCA) and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science/School of Marine Science (VIMS) of the College of William & Mary is designed to facilitate the distribution of the annual GCA AWARD IN COASTAL WETLANDS STUDIES. This agreement is effective for one year, **July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002**, after which time it will be reviewed by both parties and adjusted accordingly.

The goals of this Award are to promote wetlands conservation and to support the development of field expertise in future wetland scientists. For the purposes of this scholarship, coastal wetlands are defined as those tidal or nontidal wetlands found within coastal states, including the Great Lakes.

The GCA will grant one award each year.

The Wetlands program of the VIMS and the GCA will collaborate in promoting and awarding the annual GCA Award in Coastal Wetland Studies.

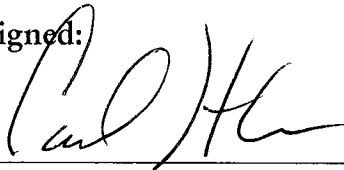
**Responsibilities of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science/School of Marine Science:**

- Promote the Award on an annual basis in appropriate scientific publications that are read by a continent-wide audience of people involved in such studies.
- Receive, process and acknowledge all applications.
- Establish a selection committee composed of no less than three scientists to evaluate the applications and to recommend the awardee.
- Notify the GCA of these recommendations no later than March 1.
- Notify those candidates who are not selected.

**Responsibilities of The Garden Club of America:**

- Promote the Award in appropriate GCA publications.
- Make payments directly to the awardee as recommended by the VIMS, Wetlands Program, and approved by the GCA. Request written progress report from the awardee.
- Reimburse the VIMS, Wetlands Program, for their expenses at a rate of \$500 annually (to be paid no later than June 30, 2002).

Signed:



Date:

6-8-01

Carl Hershner, Ph.D., Chairman  
Center for Coastal Resources Management  
Virginia Institute of Marine Science/School of Marine Science



Date:

June 4, 2001

Barbara P. Hansen  
President  
The Garden Club of America