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Protect PT Executive Director Recipient of Environmental Award

October 31, 2023 - Protect PT (Penn Trafford) announces that its Executive Director, Gillian Graber, has been named one of the esteemed recipients of the 2023 Community Sentinel Award for Environmental Stewardship. The annual award, established in 2015, which is presented by FracTracker Alliance and Halt the Harm Network, honors the leadership of remarkable individuals across the United States for their dedication to protecting communities from the harms of the fossil fuel industry.

Gillian Graber, a resident of Trafford, Pennsylvania, has been at the forefront of Protect PT's mission to ensure the safety, security, and quality of life for residents of Westmoreland and Allegheny counties and beyond. Graber's dedication to the cause has earned her this well-deserved recognition, as she has championed the rights of the people in this region by spearheading efforts to combat the harmful consequences of oil and gas development.

"From the inception of what Gillian thought Protect PT should be doing, she performed every role herself, then trained every staff member - some as student interns. This has resulted in vital programs for the communities who desperately need it." (Lois Drumheller, BOD Chair)

The award ceremony will take place on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The event will be both in-person and online, offering attendees the chance to celebrate with the award recipients. The evening will commence with a Happy Hour at 6:00 p.m. EST, featuring hors d'oeuvres and music, followed by the awards ceremony from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. EST.

The ceremony will also feature a keynote address by Eliza Evans, the creative mind behind "All the Way to Hell," an activist art project dedicated to disrupting fossil fuel development on private land in the U.S. Attendees will be treated to a special performance by Tom Breiding, a celebrated musician from West Virginia known for his original ballads that commemorate important labor events of the 20th century.

In addition to Gillian Graber, other outstanding environmental activists will be honored, including Debra Ramirez, Maury Johnson, Sarah Martik, and Anaïs Peterson, who will receive the Youth Award.

For more information and to register, please visit www.fractracker.org/sentinels or contact info@fractracker.org with any questions.

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About Protect PT:

Protect PT (Penn-Trafford) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring residents' safety, security, and quality of life by engaging in education and advocacy to protect the economic, environmental, and legal rights of the people in Westmoreland and Allegheny counties. Founded



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in 2014, Protect PT is a grassroots community-based nonprofit organization committed to safeguarding our community from the harmful environmental impacts of fossil fuel activity.