The Ozark Highlands Trail Association (OHTA) received the Watershed Guardian Award for the East Fork of White River Watershed at the annual Beaver Watershed Alliance Friendraiser in 2015. The nonprofit organization received this award in recognition of land conservation, sustainable trail building, and support of litter cleanup efforts. Stephen Parker, OHTA board member, was present to accept the award.

The Ozark Highlands Trail Association is dedicated to building and maintain long-lasting, quality trails, removing litter bulky waste from the surrounding watershed, and keeping land in East Fork of the White River watershed conserved for present and future generations. Their practices to be active stewards and to maintain this forested land are an excellent example of land management that goes above and beyond to protect wildlife habitat and sustain water quality, making them very deserving of this award.