

# 2016 Hall of Honor

Legacy Category

## Frank Cirill



### In Recognition of Frank Cirill. He Came, He Saw, He Conserved

*Frank often told his children, "There are two types of people in this world, people who make things happen and people who wait for things to happen... Don't ever wait."*

- Frank Cirill's significant leadership contributions to the development and protection of the American River Parkway as a member of Save the American River Association will help ensure that this precious habitat is preserved far into the future. For 40 years, Frank served as President, President Emeritus and board member.
- He served as active participant and guiding light in the writing and adoption of the 1976, 1984, and 2006 American River Parkway Plan. Frank, ever the statesman and advocate, used his considerable talents to bring together diverse groups who all had a vested interest in preserving what was in their own backyards.
- Frank led efforts to prevent inappropriate development adjacent to the 5,000-acre Lower American River Parkway. Examples include preservation of Bushy Lake adjacent to Cal Expo, ensuring the Fair Oaks Bluffs remain accessible to the public, protection of Bannan Island, one of the last valley oak savannas left in the Central Valley, and preventing commercial development of the picnic area and riparian habitat at Lake Natoma.
- Frank is the founder of Southside Striders, an informal running group that meets at lunch to train at Southside Park, close to downtown Sacramento. As a member of the Eppie's Great Race organizing committee for 32 years, Frank served as Assistant Race Director and Race Director. When Frank was 86 years of age, he would run 4.5 miles a day along the American River Parkway. As an avid outdoorsman he also enjoyed kayaking, trout fishing, bike riding, and nordic skiing.
- Frank Cirill truly embodies the mission of the California Park and Recreation Society District 2 Hall of Honor Legacy Award. His dedication and commitment to advancing recreation opportunities for the region and his love of the California environment have distinguished Frank in the eyes of his peers. His legacy will have a long lasting impact across generations to come.