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JIM EMBRY WINS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AWARD

Local educator recognized by North American Association for Environmental Education

Richmond, KY, 1BNovember 1, 2018– Jim Embry, long-time advocate for social and environmental justice and Director of the Sustainable Communities Network, was recently recognized by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE). Embry was honored with the Rosa Parks and Grace Lee Boggs Award in recognition of his leadership in environmental justice education and advocacy.

Jim has worked to connect social justice, food justice, and environmental justice within other social movements for the past 50 years, participating in most of the major social justice movements of his era. As Director of the Sustainable Communities Network, Jim cultivates collaborative efforts at the local, national, and international levels with a focus on local sustainable food systems. He is at home at every level, whether as a five-time U.S. delegate to Slow Food's Terra Madre in Italy, a visitor to Cuba to study organic farming, an advocate for local sustainable and urban agriculture, or as steward of a 30 acre farm. Jim maintains that the local food and sustainable agriculture movement is the foundation of a sustainable community, believing that we need big ideas that connect humans in a sacred relationship with the Earth. As a great grandson of family who were enslaved but cared deeply for the land, Jim has embraced this legacy to create a more sustainable and equitable world and educate others about the environment.

"Jim Embry's service and commitment to social and environmental justice is truly inspirational for the environmental education field," said Judy Braus, NAAEE's Executive Director. "Our award winners truly exemplify innovative, inspirational, and resilient leadership that will help us shape a more sustainable and equitable society."

NAAEE presented 13 awards to outstanding individual and organizational leaders across North America and worldwide. For a full list of 2018 winners, visit www.naaee.org/our-work/programs/awards.

About the North American Association for Environmental Education

For four decades, the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) has been dedicated to advancing environmental literacy and civic engagement through the power of education. NAAEE supports a network of more than 20,000 educators and 56 regional affiliate

organizations working in environmental education in more than 30 countries. For more information, visit www.naaee.org.

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