**PREAMBLE**

In 2023, the Fondation Etrillard will hold the third edition of the "**Landscape and Ecology Heritage Prize**" with an endowment of CHF 30,000 aimed at supporting the ecological rehabilitation of a natural area in France or in Switzerland.

Through this annual prize, the Fondation Etrillard wishes to contribute to protecting and preserving the environment by supporting candidates in their environmentally friendly and sustainably manageable projects. The Fondation is also particularly interested in the project leaders' ability to enhance the value of the work done, as well as the site's new management for the benefit of the public.

In that respect, it is essential for education to be at the project's core. Sites must be open to the public and the work done must be explained and put forward while visiting the site, in order to show that it is a comprehensive project with an active social commitment.

The Prize will be awarded according to the conditions defined hereafter.

**Article 1. Eligibility Requirements**

* Article 1.1. Candidate Eligibility

Any public or private owner of a natural space in an urban or rural area situated on French or Swiss territory may apply. We define a landscape as the combination of built or natural elements that form a garden, park, forest, or agricultural lands made interesting by its landscaping, environment, botanical aspects, heritage, artistic appearance, and/or social purpose.

The landscape must be occasionally or regularly open to the public, without particular restrictions, but at least for enough time that its objective of preserving heritage, nature, and/or the environment can be demonstrated.

As for private owners, the net revenues generated by the landscape must primarily be attributed to site work, and the site itself must be managed in a "disinterested" fashion.

* Article 1.2. Project Eligibility

Applications must satisfy five criteria in order to be eligible:

1. Any work must be of an environmentally friendly nature and must embody a desire for ecological transition and/or changes in energy usage concerning:
* The development or restoration of gardens, forests, lands, whether or not they surround a property, in order to preserve the uniqueness and balance of its ecosystem. For example, transforming land into organic, permaculture or agroecology farms, cleaning lands of all toxic products, rebuilding a landscaped structure with new types of plants, etc.
1. The kind of work touched on above must be in the planning phase or currently underway. Post-work candidates will not be evaluated.
2. Proprietors must plan for long-term durability of the new ecological equilibrium. To this end, several documents demonstrating the project's durability are requested in order to apply for the Prize (see Application Form).
3. Candidates must prove their ownership of the area where work is taking place, either by proof of property, lease, or other means.
4. Candidates must be legally endowed as project leaders, either as companies, associations, or entrepreneurs. Unofficial groups will not be selected.

**Article 2. Participation Conditions**

**and Deadline for Applications**

The application form is downloadable on the Fondation Etrillard's website ([www.fondationetrillard.ch](http://www.fondationetrillard.ch)) by clicking on "Landscape and Ecology Heritage Prize". It must be completed **by the project leader and site manager**, **and typed on a computer**.

Applications must be submitted in PDF format **at the latest on February 28, 2023 at 11:59 pm** on the Fondation Etrillard's website ([fondationetrillard.ch/fr/prix-patrimoine-paysager-ecologique-2022-2023](http://fondationetrillard.ch/fr/prix-patrimoine-paysager-ecologique-2022-2023)). The file and its attachments must be no larger than 16 MB. If there are any photos or videos to add, please combine them all in a single file, zip them, and upload to the site. The file can also be sent through WeTransfer or Smash to contact@fondationetrillard.com.

 **Article 3. Decision-Making Process / Selection Criteria**

Applications will be evaluated by a panel of experts in order to evaluate the efforts made and the new practices involved in the context of a permacultural or acroecological transition.

This evaluation will be based on an assessment chart that includes each of the subjects listed below:

1. Sustainable and ecological site management
2. Artistic and landscape quality of the composition
3. The project's immersion in the spirit and history of the site
4. Contribution of the project to raising the public's awareness about preserving nature and the environment
5. Adaptation of the project to intended financial and human means

The panel of experts will select a winning project following this evaluation. Results will be directly announced by the Fondation Etrillard to the candidates. The results will be kept secret until the awards ceremony organized by the Fondation, the date of which shall be provided later on. There will only be one winner per session.

**Article 4. Prize Payment Conditions**

The Prize money shall be sent following the signature of an agreement with the Fondation Etrillard that will determine the awarding of the prize to the winner.

**Article 5. The Panel Favourite**

If appropriate, the panel may choose a "Panel Favourite" project that will be awarded two days of consultations by the Terre & Humanisme association to help their project.

This "Panel Favourite" is not imperative, nor is it automatic. It will depend on the applications received and the annual panel's responsiveness to a given project. It will be selected depending on the candidate's advancement, their mission, as well as specific needs at the time of applying.

**Article 6. Starting Work**

The winner agrees to start work on the project within a period of two years following the agreement's signature. A report detailing the work must be sent to the Fondation. The details that must be included in these reports will be specified in said agreement.

**Article 7. Communication – Winner Commitments**

Once work has finished, the winner agrees to showcase the Prize's diploma in a space visible to the public. Moreover, the winner agrees to graciously provide the organizers with copyright-free photographs for use by their communications bodies. In the event that there are people on the photographs, the winner shall ensure that the rights to their images are respected.

**Article 8. Liability**

 The Fondation Etrillard may not be held liable for the cancellation or termination of the prize for reasons outside of its control.

**Article 9. Accepting the Rules**

Participating in this prize implies the unconditional acceptance by candidates of the current rules and of the panel and executive committee's decisions, without the ability to form any claims regarding the results.