

## [A Green Giant](#)

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The Green Project honored Mark Davis, founding director of the Tulane Institute on Water Resource Law and Policy, as the 2011 recipient of its Green Giant Award at the organization's annual gala.



Mark Davis, founding director of the Tulane Institute on Water Resource Law and Policy, accepts the 2011 Green Giant Award at The Green Project's annual gala. (Photo by Beth Stelson)

The award goes to an individual who has significantly improved the environmental quality of New Orleans and southeast Louisiana.

Since 2007 [Davis](#) has served as a senior research fellow at the Tulane Law School. Previously, [Davis](#) spearheaded the preservation of Louisiana's wetlands as executive director of the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana.

[The Green Project](#) lauded Davis as “a tireless advocate for the region's jeopardized ecosystem.” He has testified numerous times before the U.S. Congress about the environmental, economic and cultural importance of the Gulf South and the

Louisiana coast.

According to Phyllis Jordan, executive director of The Green Project, Davis' many years of leading the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana “has set the tone for [Louisiana's] efforts to properly rebuild our wetlands. His continued work in water and wetlands management keeps him at the forefront of well-informed debate about these critical issues.”

Davis said, “To the extent I have done much, it has been due to the company I keep, company that includes many of the folks who have made The Green Project a reality.” Davis received an award designed by Ross Harmond from reused materials found at The Green Project. His name also is being added to a trophy kept by the organization.

Last year's award went to Lucianne and Joe Carmichael, founders of [A Studio in the Woods](#), a program of Tulane University.

The Green Project, a nonprofit building supply retail store in New Orleans, also handles paint recycling, electronic waste recycling and grease collection for biodiesel fuel.