| | Implementation | | | | Suitability | | | | | | | | | | Who Gives | | |
|---|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------------|---------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| All recognitions should mean something to the recipient but everyone places a different value on the same recognition | Low Cost | Easy to Implement | High Visibility | Instant Gratification | Long time volunteers | Individuals | Youth | Youth groups | Groups >10 | Groups <10 | Public Officials | Park Partners | Businesses | Special circumstances | Mentor, leader, staff, | Public official | Board Designated |
| Food - healthy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| After worktrips | √ | √ | | √ | | √ | | | √ | √ | | | | | | | |
| Part of a ceremony | | √ | | √ | | √ | | | \checkmark | √ | | | | | | | |
| Gifts - small | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stickers, magnet | √ | √ | | | | √ | √ | √ | | | | | | | V | | |
| Punch card for gift | √ | √ | | | | √ | √ | | | | | | | | V | | |
| Patches | √ | | √ | | | √ | √ | √ | | | | | | | √ | | |
| Gifts - large | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clothing | | | √ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| T shirt | | √ | √ | √ | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| Caps | | | √ | √ | √ | | | | | | | | | | √ | | |
| Vests, jackets | | | √ | | √ | | | | | | | | | √ | | | |
| Tool suitable to awardee's activity | | | | | √ | √ | | | | | | | | √ | V | | |
| Written | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Letters of appreciation | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | √ | √ | V | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ | |
| Article in media | √ | 1 | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | |
| Names on maps, brochures, books | √ | √ | √ | √ | V | √ | | | | | √ | √ | √ | √ | 1 | | |
| Visual | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Postcards | | 1 | | | 1 | √ | | | √ | | | | | √ | √ | | |
| Certificates | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | | | | | √ | √ | √ | | | | |
| Plaques | | √ | √ | √ | | | | | | | √ | √ | √ | | | | |
| Signs along trail or at trail head | | | √ | | | | | | √ | V | | | | | | | |
| Unframed photos | √ | V | √ | √ | 1 | √ | | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ |
| Framed photos | | √ | √ | √ | V | √ | | | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | |
| Posters of trail or project | | | √ | | | | | | | | 1 | √ | √ | √ | | | |
| Named awards | √ | | V | | √ √ | √ | | | | | √ | √ √ | √ | √ | √ | V | √ √ |

Note: In NY State, state employees may not accept gifts including food, check first before extending more than a thank you letter.