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President and founding member of Shoals Earth Month, a 501C3 that hosts the Shoals Earth Day Fest. Founding Member of the Shoals Environmental Alliance, a local environmental education/watch dog group. Winner of the 2015 Roosevelt-Ashe Environmental Educator of the Year Award, presented by Wild South, Asheville, NC. Long-time member of the Sierra Club, Defenders of Wildlife, the Wilderness Society and National Wildlife Federation. Nancy has also organized numerous workshops and symposia on solar energy, Smart Growth, bio fuels, and other topics related to sustainability.

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