

**GREAT RIVERS ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER
RECEIVES THE 2007 “KICK-ASS AWARD”**

Great Rivers Environmental Law Center was recently chosen as one of the recipients of the Fourth Annual “Kick-Ass Award” given annually to people or groups who have an impact on our region in a variety of areas of life.

Past winners include Crossroads School, Karen Duffy of Duff’s Restaurant, the Webster University Film Series, Fort Gondo Compound for the Arts, and the poet K. Curtis Lyle, to name a few.

The “Kick-Ass Awards” were begun in Austin, Texas in January 2004, by noted journalist, author and educator, Spike Gillespie. An erstwhile St. Louisan, Spike Gillespie gave out awards to deserving local folks who didn’t always get a public nod of appreciation for the work they were doing around her community. Later that year there was a “St. Louis” award ceremony held with local winners, and the awards is now in its fourth year.

Over the past three years, the event’s organizers have formed a website, a quarterly magazine and a specialty publishing company in St. Louis, *52nd City Media*. The publishers of the website and a small committee of volunteers selected the nominees for 2007. For more information on the organization, past recipients of the award and the 2007 awardees, go to www.52ndCity.com and click on events.