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Dear Municipal Official:

Please see the attached information concerning the 2015 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards.

If you have any questions regarding the Awards Program, please contact Tanya Oznowich (contact information in the description).

If you have any additional questions, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Cindy W. Randazzo
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New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
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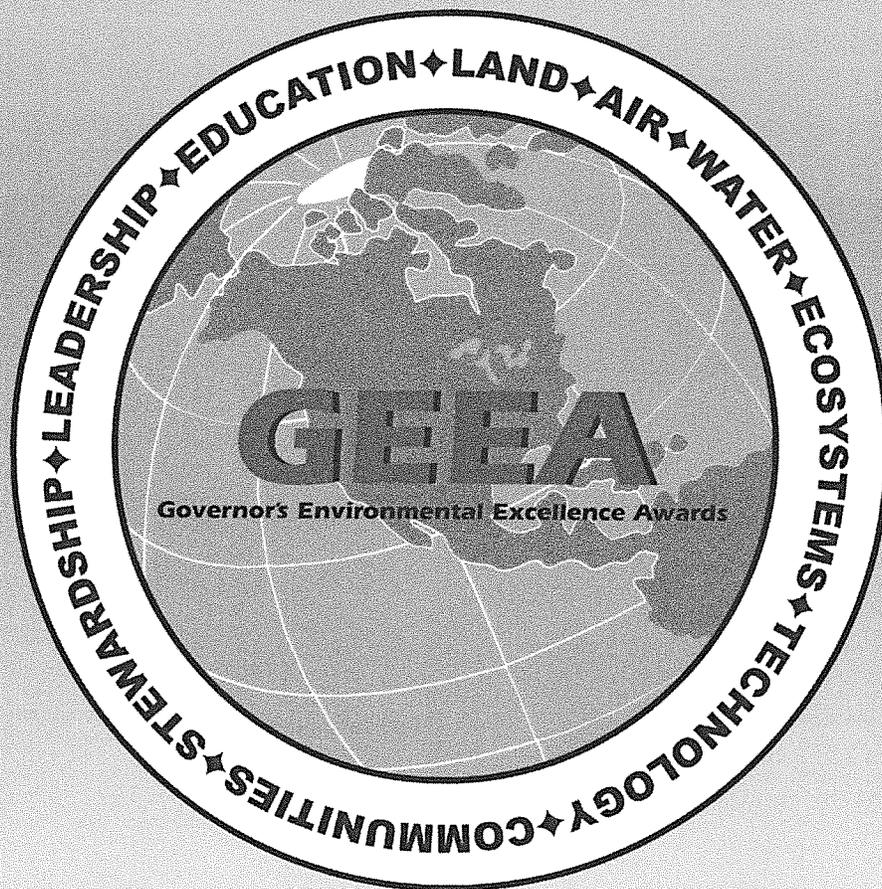
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GOVERNOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS



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INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to announce the application process for the 2015 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards (GEEA). This program was established by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in 2000 to recognize outstanding environmental performance, programs and projects in the state. Since its inception, over 146 entities have been recognized including individuals, businesses, educators, institutions, communities, and youth.

All winners of the 2015 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards will be invited to an awards ceremony and press event hosted by State officials in December.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominations will be accepted from individuals, organizations, institutions or businesses. You may nominate yourself or your employer, as well as another company, individual, institution, or organization that you believe is worthy of recognition. However, self nominations in the **Environmentalist of the Year** category will not be accepted. Applicants in this category must be nominated by someone else. In addition, all applicants/projects must:

1) Be located in New Jersey; 2) Be active within the past year, and; 3) Agree to have their project shared with others through a written description to appear in the awards program, press materials and on the GEEA website.

Third party nominations must be accompanied by a written authorization from the nominated party agreeing to consideration for the award. The DEP, other State agencies and State employees are not eligible for awards.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND JUDGING CRITERIA

All applicants must address the following five judging criteria. The answer to each criterion may not exceed one typewritten page.

1. DOCUMENTED ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT (30 Points)

Quantify the overall environmental benefits of this program/project or individual accomplishment over the past year or most recent 12-month period for which data exists. For example: amount of pollution prevented; resources or energy conserved; acres preserved; tonnage recycled; etc. It is to the applicant's benefit to be as specific and thorough as possible.

2. MEETING NEEDS (20 points)

Describe how this program/project or individual accomplishment contributes to the environmental needs of the state. Reference such issues as originality, effectiveness, risks that were overcome, and whether or not the project is a component of a larger comprehensive plan.

3. LEADERSHIP/INNOVATION (15 points)

Describe how this program/project or individual shows leadership and has taken steps beyond "traditional" environmental protection efforts.

4. COVERAGE AND REPLICABILITY (20 points)

Describe how this program, project or individual has impacted the business, community, school/district, region or state, long-term. Describe how the project can be replicated in other locations or by other people.

5. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH (15 points)

Describe what education and/or outreach activities were undertaken in association with this project for affected individuals, employees, students/faculty, stakeholders, contractors, consultants, community, etc.

SCORING/EVALUATING

Groups of reviewers comprised of professionals from the Department of Environmental Protection will evaluate the applications. Each of the judging criteria has an associated point value identified in the section above. The total number of points possible for each applicant is 100. Applications will only be scored on the answers to the five judging criteria. Please do not submit extraneous materials such as articles, letters and photos.

The Department reserves the right not to give an award in any category if no outstanding nominations are received. All decisions of the judges are final.

ABOUT THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Department of Environmental Protection is committed to providing a high quality of life for the residents of New Jersey. It is our mission to assist the residents of New Jersey in preserving, sustaining, protecting and enhancing the environment to ensure the integration of high environmental quality, public health and economic vitality. We will accomplish our mission in partnership with the general public, business, environmental community and all levels of government. For more information about the Department, please visit www.nj.gov/dep.

ABOUT THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST

The New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (NJEIT) is an independent State Financing Authority responsible for providing and administering low interest rate loans to qualified municipalities, counties, regional authorities, and water purveyors in New Jersey for the purpose of financing water quality infrastructure projects that enhance ground and surface water resources, ensure the safety of drinking water supplies, protect the public health and make possible responsible and sustainable economic development. For more information visit www.njeit.org.

ABOUT THE NEW JERSEY CORPORATION FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

The New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology (NJCAT) is a private/public partnership that pools the best talents and diverse resources of business and industry, entrepreneurs, university research centers, utilities and government to promote the development and commercialization of exciting, new energy and environmental technologies. For more information please visit www.njcat.org.

SUBMISSIONS AND DEADLINES

Applications must be received by DEP staff by Wednesday, September 30 at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be submitted by email or mail.

- Electronic submissions should be sent to Marc Rogoff at Marc.Rogoff@dep.nj.gov; OR
- One copy of the application should be mailed to:

Marc Rogoff
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Communications
Mail Code: 401-07, 401 East State Street
P.O. Box 402
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

If you have questions about the application or awards program, please contact Tanya Oznowich at 609.984.9802 or send email to Tanya.Oznowich@dep.nj.gov

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- All applications become public information
- Applicants will be notified regarding award decisions in late November or early December
- The awards ceremony will take place in December in Trenton
- Award winners will be asked to bring a poster display to the ceremony that showcases their efforts and to submit 3 slides that can be used during the ceremony

AWARD CATEGORIES (select one)

Awards are available in each of the categories listed below. You must identify the category of your nomination on the attached application form.

CLEAN AIR: Nominees in this category should demonstrate a commitment to, and experience in, one or more of the following areas and activities:

- Reducing air pollution emissions and/or reducing outdoor exposure to toxic air contaminants;
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions or equivalents through energy efficiency projects or green power purchases; and
- Reducing air deposition loading to land and water.

WATER RESOURCES: Nominees in this category should demonstrate a positive influence in one or more of the following areas and activities:

- Improving surface or ground water quality;
- Ensuring sufficient quantities of water through reuse and conservation techniques; and
- Promoting or developing progressive land use policies and watershed management approaches to improve protection of surface and groundwater sources.

HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS: Nominees in this category should demonstrate a commitment to, and experience in, programs or techniques that have resulted in the restoration, protection and enhancement of the State's ecological resources. These include wetlands, estuaries and coastal areas, as well as non-game and/or threatened and endangered species.

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY: Nominees in this category should demonstrate the use or deployment of a new or alternative method, procedure, process, system or facility, which results in greater environmental protection than other technologies in current practice or comparable results at lower costs in terms of energy, natural resources or environmental impacts.

LAND CONSERVATION: Nominees in this category should demonstrate a commitment to, and experience in, the preservation of open space that protects land from future development.

HEALTHY & SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES and HEALTHY & SUSTAINABLE BUSINESSES: Nominees in these two categories should demonstrate a commitment to and experience in any of the following activities:

- Any activity addressing issues such as pollution/waste reduction, recycling, land use, local purchasing, sustainability, resource conservation or product stewardship;
- Innovative practices or technologies that have resulted in the private or public sector clean up and redevelopment of contaminated/brownfields sites; and
- Creation of community-based initiatives that foster involvement, action and effective solutions to the adverse effects of industrial pollution in overburdened and low-income communities.

For municipalities that are participating in the Sustainable Jersey™ Program, please note this in your application.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION / EDUCATOR-LED and STUDENT-LED PROJECTS: Nominees in these two categories should demonstrate implementation of a program or project that has measurable positive impacts in environmental protection and education. One award will be given to an adult educator and one will be given to students/youth in grades K-12 (student involvement must be emphasized).

ENVIRONMENTALIST OF THE YEAR: Nominees in this category should demonstrate committed values toward the environment and an appreciation of it and their accomplishments should contribute to the conservation, restoration and protection of New Jersey's natural resources and environmental quality.

GOVERNOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS APPLICATION

Name of Applicant _____

Person responsible for preparing application _____

Title _____

Preparer's Mailing Address _____

Daytime Phone # _____ Evening Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Is this a third party nomination? Yes _____ No _____

Category of the nomination (select one):

- Clean Air
- Innovative Technology
- Environmental Education (Adult)
- Water Resources
- Land Conservation
- Environmental Education (Youth)
- Healthy Ecosystems
- Healthy & Sustainable Communities
- Environmentalist of the Year
- Healthy & Sustainable Businesses

Provide a brief biographical sketch of the applicant and project description (no more than 200 words). This description is not judged but will be used by DEP for any press releases, printed materials, etc., for this awards program.

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Application for the 2015 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Is Now Available

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is pleased to announce that the application for the **2015 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards** is now available. Completed applications must be received at DEP by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30.

The Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Program is New Jersey's premier awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, programs and projects throughout the state. These awards recognize individuals, businesses, institutions, communities, organizations, educators, youth and others who have made significant contributions to environmental protection in New Jersey.

Since the awards program was established in 2000, 130 winners have been recognized. Nominations can be submitted for the following categories: Clean Air; Healthy Ecosystems; Water Resources; Land Conservation; Healthy and Sustainable Communities; Healthy and Sustainable Businesses; Innovative Technology; and "Environmentalism of the Year." In addition, the category for "Environmental Education" has been divided into two awards: one for adult-led educational initiatives and one for projects that are student-led or have succeeded due to a high level of student involvement.

The Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Program is sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Award winners will be honored at a ceremony in December, to be held in Trenton.

The 2015 application and other awards information is available at www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards. Completed applications must be received at DEP by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30.

Questions about the awards program can be forwarded to DEP employee Tanya Oznowich by calling (609) 984-9802 or emailing her at Tanya.Oznowich@dep.nj.gov.