



2018 Governor's Environmental Stewardship Awards

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Nomination Application

Section 1: Nominator:

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other (Mayor, County Executive, etc):
Nominator and title:

Organization:

Address, City, Zip:

Telephone:

Email:

Section 2: Project Contact Information

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other (Mayor, County Executive, etc):

Lead Contact and title:

Organization:

Address, City, Zip:

Telephone:

Email:

Section 3: Name of the project or activity

Project Title:

Project Partners:

Project Location:

Section 4: Enter the time period over which the project occurred

(Must be largely completed in 2017)

Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Section 5: Project Description

IMPORTANT: Please refer to the judging criteria (below), and be sure that the project narrative addresses each of these criteria.

Please provide
a brief
description.

Section 6: Award Category

- Building Green** - recognizes innovation in siting, structure design and use, deconstruction and construction techniques, supply chain and materials sourcing, operational efficiency (water use, energy efficiency), longevity, flexibility of use, protecting occupant health and productivity and reduction in overall carbon footprint. A project using in-fill, brownfields or repurposing of existing structures will receive special consideration.
- Clean Air** - projects in this category will demonstrate measureable progress in reducing hazardous air pollutants, volatile organic compounds, acid rain precursors and greenhouse gases, outdoor exposure to toxic air contaminants, and/or air deposition loading to land and water. (Cap and trade activities will not be considered.) Nominations may include programs and projects that incorporate installation of pollution prevention technologies, logistics and/or operational changes.
- Energy and Renewable Resources** - recognizes projects that further the widespread use and adoption of alternative fuels, conservation strategies, innovative devices or techniques, as well as creation of domestic fuel sources. Nominations may also include projects that increase the energy efficiency of buildings or equipment, the use of environmentally-benign energy production technologies, developing advanced energy technologies, using renewable energy resources or the use of innovative technologies that will reduce dependence upon traditional fossil-fuel-based energy sources. Special consideration will be given to nominations that demonstrate a comprehensive approach to energy issues and highlight the relationship between the environmental benefits and the associated social and economic benefits.
- Environmental Education and Outreach** - recognizes an outstanding education and/or outreach program that promotes environmental stewardship, increases citizen awareness and results in enhanced environmental protection. Nominations may include demonstration projects, awareness campaigns or programs allowing communities to address environmental issues such as non-point source pollution.
- Environmental Education and Outreach – Schools** - recognizes an outstanding education and/or outreach program that promotes environmental stewardship, increases student, faculty and staff awareness and results in enhanced environmental protection. Nominations may include demonstration projects, awareness campaigns, or programs allowing communities to address environmental issues such as non-point source pollution. (Higher Education and K-12 only)
- Land Use** - projects in this category incorporate innovative and effective methods or practices to preserve or improve land use in Tennessee. Nominations may include the revitalization of underutilized or contaminated land, the preservation of green space, the reduction of sprawl, brownfield redevelopment, creative reuse and/or preserving farmland. Special consideration will be given to nominations that demonstrate significant progress in furthering the protection or development of Tennessee's greenways; involvement of neighboring communities; and collaboration with regional or statewide initiatives.
- Materials Management** - recognizes conservation and protection of natural resources and reducing costs through waste prevention, reducing toxicity, re-use, recycling, composting, environmentally-preferable purchasing, supply chain dynamics, as well as product design and stewardship. Nominations may include projects addressing input change, product reformulation, and production process redesign, conservation techniques, material re-use and beneficial land application. Special consideration will be given to nominations that demonstrate a comprehensive approach and highlight the relationship between the environmental benefits and the associated social and economic benefits.
- Natural Heritage** - achievements in this area feature protecting, preserving, restoring or enhancing Tennessee's natural landscape and native flora and fauna. Nominations may include projects that address Tennessee's natural, geologic or ecological resources including open space, wetlands, estuaries, biological diversity and endangered species. Special consideration will be given for integrated efforts relating to adjacent land use and nominations that focus on particularly significant river corridors, scenic trails, and other areas of cultural value.
- Sustainable Performance** - Implementation holistic approaches to achieve sustainability and integrated environmental values and conservation of natural resources into comprehensive, long-term decision making and management of businesses and facilities. Nominations must demonstrate achievement in multiple operational areas such as facility lifecycle, supply chain management, community engagement, employee involvement, and product or service design and delivery.
- Lifetime Achievement** - The Robert Sparks Walker Lifetime Achievement award is given to an individual who has devoted at least 25 years of effective and valuable service to Tennessee's environmental protection or conservation stewardship. Past winners have demonstrated notable personal achievements in various areas, such as natural resource management, conservation, education, public service, and political support toward Tennessee's conservation and/or environmental protection.

INSTRUCTIONS

You should complete as much of the information as possible in order to strengthen your application/nomination.

To be considered, applications and nominations must be submitted no later than March 30, 2018.

Projects must comply with the rules below to be eligible for a Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award:

- Be located or residing in Tennessee
- Nominated projects must have been largely completed during the 2017 calendar year
- Nominees shall have a minimum three years of exceptional environmental compliance
- Be submitted in the required electronic format
- Be submitted by an applicant who agrees to allow a summary of their accomplishments to be published
- There must be a three year window between wins for each category to be eligible for that category again

Judging Criteria

The judges will consider the following elements in evaluating the narrative and supporting documents.

Results - What significant environmental, economic, and/or community enhancements resulted from the project? Please include and document any quantifiable results.

Innovation - Did the project utilize or contribute any new methods or information in protecting or enhancing the environment? What creative or untested elements were included in the project?

Leadership - How does the scope of the project compare to the size and resources of the sponsoring organizations(s)? Does the project go beyond the current status quo?

Addressing Environmental Issues - How does this project address environmental issues and/or provide an environmental benefit to the state of Tennessee?

Transferability - Describe how the project lends itself to replication by other organizations or individuals. Are any project activities or results being shared with others? Or is the project unique to an environmental issue in the local community?

Education and Outreach - What education and/or outreach activities did the project involve? Does the project promote public awareness regarding environmental issues?

Exceptional Commitment - How does the project demonstrate an exceptional commitment from those involved in the effort?

Environmental Justice - Does the project demonstrate a commitment to the mitigation of unfair distribution of environmental risks and resources to low-income communities and/or communities of color?

Cooperation - Does this project involve a cooperative or collaborative effort between multiple entities or organizations (city/state government, industries, civic groups, schools, citizens, associations)? Were partnerships created or strengthened by the project?

1. Project Description

Please provide a comprehensive, narrative description of the project or activity in a separate document. In other words, use this section to "tell the story" of the nominated project in your own words, and include as much detail as possible. This narrative should be no longer than 2,000 words or four pages.

IMPORTANT: Please refer to the judging criteria outlined in Section 7 (above), and be sure that the project narrative addresses each of these criteria.

2. Supporting Documents

Nominees are required to submit **four** or more supporting documents that may strengthen their nomination. Examples may include photographs, news clippings, press releases, publications, data sets, process flow diagrams and other materials that can give the judges a more comprehensive view of the project or activity. These documents must be submitted electronically as either an attachment to the email that contains the nomination form or through an online file sharing service, such as Dropbox, SkyDrive or Minus. Any email attachments must be less than 15 MB. Because judges cannot visit all applicants or nominees or view all projects first-hand, applicants are encouraged to submit a reasonable amount of supporting materials with their applications.

Note: When submitting pictures, please describe what is taking place in the pictures (ex: who, what, where, when and why). This can be done in a PowerPoint presentation.

When you have completed this form, save it and print a copy for your records. The application should then be attached to an email message to the address below.

Gesa.awards@tn.gov

Once your application has been received, a confirmation email will be sent to the nominator. Please make sure that the following are completed/attached when submitting application:

- Section 1-6 has been filled out in this application.
- Submit a narrative that tells the story of the project or activity being nominated.
- Submit four or more supporting documents

----- **END OF APPLICATION** -----

NOTE: All entries are public information and summaries of winning applications will be published. Neither applications nor supporting materials can be returned and judges reserve the right to inspect the applicant's project or program.