



Applications Are Now Being Accepted by NJDEP for the 2017 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards

The Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Program is the State's premier awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, programs and projects throughout the state. These awards recognize individuals, businesses, educators, institutions, communities, organizations, youth and others who have made significant contributions to environmental protection in New Jersey. Since its establishment in 2000, the program has recognized 160 winners for their accomplishments. Nominations can be submitted for the following categories:

- Clean Air
- Water Resources
- Healthy Ecosystems
- Innovative Technology
- Land Conservation
- Healthy and Sustainable Communities
- Healthy and Sustainable Businesses
- Environmental Education – Adult Led and Student Led Projects

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.

Who is Eligible?

Nominations will be accepted from individuals, organizations, institutions or businesses. You may nominate yourself or your company/organization, as well as another company, individual, institution, or organization that you believe is worthy of recognition. In addition, all applicants/projects must:

- Be located in New Jersey;
- Be active within the past year prior to the application submission date (information about additional related experience is welcome); and
- Agree to have their project shared with others through a written description to appear in an awards program, press materials and on the GEEA Web site.

Third-party nominations must be accompanied by a written authorization from the nominated party, agreeing to be considered for the award.

The DEP, other State agencies and state employees are ineligible for awards and cannot submit award applications.

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How can I participate?

Applications and information are available at www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards/index.html

Completed applications must be received at DEP by 5:00 pm on **Friday, September 29, 2017**.

How and when are the winners selected?

Groups of reviewers comprised of professionals from the Department of Environmental Protection will evaluate the applications. Applicants will be notified about award decisions in November or early December.

What type of recognition do the winners receive?

Winners are recognized at an awards ceremony which will take place in December in Trenton.

Who should I contact with GEEA questions?

Tanya Oznowich at (609) 984-9802 or Tanya.Oznowich@dep.nj.gov

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