



NJDEP RECYCLING AWARDS 2021



Business Award

Earth Friendly Products (ECOS)

Through numerous recycling and waste reduction initiatives, Earth Friendly Products (ECOS) was able to keep 98 percent of the waste it generates out of the waste disposal stream in 2020.

Featured in photo from left: Christine Kostantakis (Office Manager), Mathias Krull (Recycling Technician), Sonya Kougasian (Assistant Chemist & Sustainability Team Leader), and Osman Vallecillo (Plant Manager)

Government Award

Town of Westfield Department
of Public Works

In addition to its curbside collection program, the Town of Westfield in Union County also operates an innovative recycling drop-off center that accepts a wide range of both traditional and non-traditional recyclable materials.





Leadership Award

Princeton Plasma
Physics Laboratory

The Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory recycled 52 percent of its municipal solid waste and 82 percent of its construction and demolition waste during 2020. The facility also runs several successful reuse programs.



Rising Star Award

Matthew Karmel

Matthew Karmel, an attorney at Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP, has worked diligently to support organic waste recycling efforts in New Jersey. He has provided pro bono legal representation directed at expanding community composting efforts in the state and played a key role in forming the NJ Composting Council.



Outstanding Educator/ Educational Program Award

Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management

The Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management provides recycling education to residents, as well as to millions of visitors that vacation in the county during summer. Among other things, the county created and distributed thousands of copies of a Recycling Guide for Vacationers and a Boat Owners Guide to Recycling. The county also developed the Be Shore to Recycle Right igloo system, a series of collection containers placed at public sites to collect materials and educate visitors about recycling.

Featured in photo from left: Gary Quinn (Commissioner Liaison) and Anthony M. Agliata (Director of Planning & Solid Waste Management)



Recycling Industry Award

Mazza Recycling Services Ltd.

Mazza Recycling recycles glass bottles, metal cans, plastic containers, mixed paper, corrugated cardboard and more. In 2020, the company opened a state-of-the-art processing center for co-mingled curbside recyclable materials at its site and initiated a recycling education program.

Featured in photo from left: James F. Mazza (President & CEO) and Dominick J. Mazza (Vice President)



Source Reduction, Resource Management/Sustainability Award

Goodwill Home Medical Equipment

Goodwill Home Medical Equipment reduces medical equipment waste by accepting donations of gently used medical equipment at all Goodwill donation sites. In serving more than 5,400 customers in 2020, the organization kept thousands of pieces of medical equipment out of landfills and helped those in need.

Featured in photo from left: Lynn Tighe (VP Goodwill Home Medical Equipment) and Mark Boyd (President/CEO Goodwill Southern NJ and Philadelphia)





Source Reduction, Resource Management/Sustainability Award

Matriark Foods

Matriark Foods worked with a partner during the 2020 pandemic to rescue, upcycle and donate 620,000 pounds of food (the equivalent of more than 500,000 meals) that would have otherwise gone to waste. Matriark Foods used surplus vegetables from farmers to make a vegetable stew that was distributed to the hungry in northern New Jersey.





Volunteer Citizen Award

Matthias Choi

Matthias Choi, 16, of Norwood, created the “e-Salvage” organization and website to help inform the public about the importance of electronics recycling.



The New Jersey Department Of
Environmental Protection



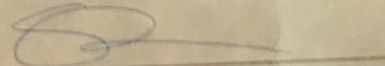
Presents This Certificate To



Matthias Choi

For Outstanding Achievement In Recycling

October 20, 2021
Date


Shawn M. LaTourette, Commissioner