

Innovative Program

To receive stewardship recognition for **INNOVATIVE PROGRAM**, a site must have developed and adopted a voluntary innovative program, that which was not captured in any of the other 20 stewardship categories. An innovative program should improve and reduce the site's environmental impact and promote environmental excellence within the organization or community.

Establishing an INNOVATIVE PROGRAM

*Innovative programs must be *VOLUNTARY* activities

*Program or activity should not easily qualify for recognition under the previous stewardship checklist questions.

*Must directly improve the environment.



Example of previous site's **INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS** include:

- ⇒ Collection of cell phones to resell, refurbish or recycle.
- ⇒ A township's participation in Sustainable Jersey Certification Program
- ⇒ Operation of a bio-energy recovery system (BERS), a method which turns the nutrients in wastewater into renewable biogas (methane).
- ⇒ Uploading and updating all paper manuals online as PDF or iBook files.
- ⇒ Usage of onsite recycled plastic bottles to make staff uniforms.

Did you know?

Participation in voluntary **INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS** can lead to recognition. Innovators can be nominated for awards that highlight their efforts to enhance the environment and encourage a new generation of stewards. These awards include:

- ◇ National Award for Smart Growth Achievement
- ◇ Clean Air Excellence Awards
- ◇ Climate Leadership Awards
- ◇ Green Power Leadership Awards

For a full list of awards, visit:

<https://www.epa.gov/innovation/innovation-awards>

For more information on **WATER USE REDUCTION**, visit:

Bonneville Environmental Foundation - Environmental Projects and Programs

<http://www.b-e-f.org/environmental-projects-and-programs/>

Center for Climate and Energy Solutions - Business Environmental Leadership Council

<https://www.c2es.org/our-work/belc/>

Sustainable Brands - 7 Corporate Sustainability Pioneers Shaking Things Up

<http://www.sustainablebrands.com/>

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