



Applications Are Now Being Accepted for the 2012 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is pleased to announce the application process for the 2012 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards (GEEA). This program was established by the Department in 2000 to recognize outstanding environmental performance, programs and projects in the state by businesses, municipalities, institutions, individuals and others. Award categories include:

- Clean Air
- Innovative Technology
- Environmental Education – Educator and Student Led Projects
- Water Resources
- Land Conservation
- Healthy & Sustainable Communities/Healthy & Sustainable Businesses
- Healthy Ecosystems
- Environmental Stewardship
- Environmental Leadership

Who is Eligible?

GEEA Nominations will be accepted from individuals, organizations, municipalities or businesses. You may nominate yourself or your company/organization as well as another company, individual or organization you believe is worthy of recognition. However, self-nominations in the Environmental Stewardship and Environmental Leadership categories will not be accepted.

To qualify, applicants / projects must:

- Be located in New Jersey, and;
- Be active within the past year, and;
- Agree to have their project shared with others through a written description to appear in an awards program and on the GEEA Web site (www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards/).

While NJDEP personnel may encourage parties to apply, applications may not be submitted by employees of the NJDEP. Moreover, the NJDEP, other State agencies and their employees are not eligible for awards.

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How can I participate?

Download an application at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards/appform.htm>. Apply electronically or mail three hard copies of your application and responses to the judging criteria to the address below by close of business on **September 12, 2012**.

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Office of the Commissioner
Mail Code 401-07
P.O. Box 402
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0402
Attention: Caroline Kirkland

How and when are the winners selected?

A panel of judges from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection management staff will evaluate all applications. Award recipients are typically notified in November.

What type of recognition do the winners receive?

Winners are recognized at an awards ceremony in December hosted by the Governor and Senior NJDEP Officials. In addition, winners are featured on the Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards website (<http://www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards/index.html>), in press releases and in a display in the lobby of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection headquarters in Trenton.

Who should I contact with questions?

For further information on the Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards, please contact Tanya Oznowich at (609) 984-9802 or Caroline Kirkland at (609) 633-7821.

Where else can I get more information?

The following web sites can be accessed for additional information regarding this advisory:

Environmental Excellence Awards
General NJDEP information:
To comment on this advisory:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards/>
<http://www.nj.gov/cgi-bin/dep/contactdep.pl>
<http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/survey.html>

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