

2014 Environmental Awards Winners

The City of Raleigh presented the 2014 Environmental Awards on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. Awards were presented in 12 categories to recognize local individuals and organizations that demonstrate a commitment to protecting or improving the environment.

The Donna Jackson Trailblazer Awards, sponsored by the Public Utilities Department, were also presented to local college students for the public service announcement video competition to raise awareness of water conservation and efficient water use, sponsored by the Public Utilities department.

This year marked the inaugural Young Emerging Professionals video public service announcement (PSA) awards for high school students and sponsored by the City's Public Works-Stormwater Management Division.



Raleigh Environmental Stewardship Award – Charles Meeker

The Raleigh Environmental Stewardship Award for an individual or organization that has shown leadership in sustainable development was presented to former Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker for his years of environmental leadership and for recognizing the nexus of environment, economics and social equity.



M/I Homes Environmental Awareness Award – Dr. Bob Patterson

The M/I Homes Environmental Awareness Award is given to an individual or organization that has demonstrated leadership or teaching others about the environment. This year's recipient is to Dr. Bob Patterson for more than four decades of teaching Global Human Development at NC State University and for encouraging his students to learn through self-examination and service to the community.



Sonoco Recycling Youth Award – Caroline Hansley

The Sonoco Youth Award is given to a student that has demonstrated environmental stewardship. This year's recipient is North Carolina State University student Caroline Hansley for her leadership in environmental and social issues and for inspiring others to become actively involved.



Legacy Award - Bill L. Flournoy Jr.

The Legacy Award is given for lifelong contribution to the environment by a person or for long-term commitment by an organization. This year's recipient is Mr. Bill Flournoy for his pioneering work in the development of greenways and for expounding their environmental, public health, recreation and economic advantages for the City of Raleigh.



Urban Stewardship Award – CompostNow

The Urban Stewardship Award recognizes a volunteer, individual or organization engaged in community building or conservation. This year's award recipient is CompostNow, an urban composting service that picks up food scraps from homes, businesses and restaurants and provides the finished compost to community gardens.



Market Transformation Award - JouleBug

The Market Transformation Award recognizes an individual or organization that manufactures, retails, or markets transformative products, services or technology which promotes positive change for the environment and health. This year's recipient is JouleBug, the playful mobile app that encourages users to improve their sustainability habits at home and on- the-go.



Natural Resource Conservation Award – Bob Kellam and Susan Wyatt

The Natural Resource Conservation award is given to an individual or organization that has demonstrated natural resource conservation that may include water, land, air quality, habitat/biodiversity or waste reduction. Bob Kellam and Susan Wyatt won the Natural Resource Conservation Award for maintaining their 58-acre farm in spite of surrounding land development. The farm serves as a habitat for waterfowl and wildlife, and as an outdoor environmental classroom for students. In December 2013, Kellam and Wyatt donated a conservation easement of the farm to the City of Oaks Foundation.



Pioneering Efforts Award – Redress Raleigh

The Pioneering Efforts Award is given to an individual or organization that has demonstrated pioneering efforts in any environmental area. Redress Raleigh, a local company that champions and connects eco-conscious designers and companies with consumers who want apparel made in an environmentally and socially responsible manner, won the award.



Residential Green Design Award – Graham Street Residence

The Green Design Award recognizes an individual or organization that has demonstrated green design concepts and a positive ecological footprint within new or existing buildings. Examples may include stormwater, recycling, sedimentation and erosion controls, construction debris reuse, and energy innovation. This year's Residential Green Design Award was presented to the Graham Street Residence, designed with strategies and goals to minimize environmental impacts over its planned 200+ year lifetime.



Non-Residential Green Design Award – Stone's Education Superstore

The Non-Residential Green Design Award recipient is Stone's Education Superstore for its sustainable design and features that extend visitors' learning experience beyond the shelves.



Institutional Innovation Award - Building "E" at Northern Wake Technical Community College Campus

The Institutional Innovation Award is given to a government entity that has been innovative in any area of environmental stewardship. This year's award recipient is Building "E" at Northern Wake Technical Community College Campus. The LEED Gold certified building contains numerous sustainability features including a green roof, solar shading devices and a radiant heating and cooling mechanical system.



Regional Award - The North Carolina Solar Center's Renewable Energy Technologies Diploma Series

The Regional Award is given to an individual or organization that has demonstrated environmental stewardship for the region, such as air quality, streams and watersheds, or other regional issues. The North Carolina Solar Center's Renewable Energy Technologies Diploma Series is this year's recipient; the program is a non-degree continuing education that trains individuals to design, install and manage photovoltaics, solar thermal and other green building technologies.



Donna Jackson Trailblazer Awards

The Donna Jackson Trailblazer video public service announcement awards (PSA) were presented. Named for Donna Jackson, a City of Raleigh retiree who made a significant impact in the Triangle area's civil engineering community, the public service announcements focused on water efficiency and conservation.

Matthew Coleman and Ahkeem Bowens won first place. Victoria Rodrigues placed second. Troy Thomas, Courtland Gingles, Kierra Staggers, Ariel Hatcher and Dennis McKiver won third. All of the winners are students at Shaw University.



Young Emerging Professionals

The Young Emerging Professionals awards were given to high school students who produced video PSAs based on the theme, "The health of our waters is the report card for how we live on the land." The awards are sponsored by the City of Raleigh Public Works Stormwater Management Division

Jennifer Bornheimer of North Raleigh Christian Academy won first place. North Raleigh Christian Academy student Jason Peterson tied for second place along with members of the Raleigh Charter High School Green Club.

