

2017 Gaithersburg Environmental Awards

The Gaithersburg Mayor and City Council and the Environmental Affairs Committee (EAC) invite you to participate in the Environmental Awards Program. Through the awards, the City looks to recognize and show appreciation for those who give back to the environment, and encourage others to get involved!

ELIGIBILITY: Open to any citizen, business, or organization based within the Gaithersburg City limits, or entities with at least 10 percent of their students/members being City residents, that have demonstrated outstanding efforts to improve Gaithersburg's environment - either for a project(s) in 2016 or over a period of years (2016 and before).

Recognition may be granted for new voluntary initiatives and/or certifications within the past year, 2016, (Achievement Award) or for continuing efforts beyond regulatory requirements (Appreciation Award). There will also be a special recognition of first-time awardees.



SCOPE OF THE AWARDS: Examples of environmentally-friendly programs and projects include, but are not limited to:

- Use of integrated pest management to minimize the use of chemical pesticides and herbicides
- Pollution prevention and green purchasing
- Expansion of source reduction, reuse, and recycling efforts
- Implementation of bicycle and sidewalk projects
- Expansion of green space for natural and recreational uses
- Protection and enhancement of urban wildlife and associated habitats
- Energy and water conservation measures
- Tree planting and management
- Invasive species management projects
- Stream monitoring and restoration programs
- Encouragement of community discussion regarding neighborhood stewardship of local natural resources
- Environmental education programs
- Creation of baseline information on quality and quantity of natural resources
- Promotion of green building in public and private development
- Proper pet waste and litter disposal
- Environmental Management System implementation, including ISO 14001 certification
- Greenhouse gas emissions reductions
- Generation or purchase of alternative energy
- Other innovative environmental enhancement ideas or projects

DEADLINE: Early submission is encouraged! The deadline is **5 p.m. on Friday, March 3, 2017.**

JUDGING: The Environmental Affairs Committee will evaluate the applications based upon program effectiveness, innovation, and endurance. *The EAC is especially interested in learning how groups have been working to expand their efforts from one year to the next by building on past successes.*

AWARD PRESENTATION: Awards will be presented by the Mayor and City Council at a special awards ceremony on **Monday, April 3, 2017** during Gaithersburg Green Month.

NOMINATION FORM
2017 Gaithersburg Environmental Awards

ORGANIZATION: _____

NOMINEE CATEGORY: Business HOA School/Troop Nonprofit Individual Other

CONTACT PERSON, TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS/EMPLOYEES: _____

REFERENCE (to verify information): _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____ DATE: _____

Please briefly describe the nominee, what new has been done to protect and enhance the environment, and the results achieved. Include dates or periods of activities. Attach additional sheets if necessary and documentation material (e.g. press clipping, letter of recognition, a photograph, or other background material).

QUESTIONS? Please contact the Environmental Services Division at 301-258-6370 or environment@gaitthersburgmd.gov.

Please return this form to: Address: Gaithersburg Environmental Awards
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Gaithersburg, MD 20878
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