

2018

NOMINATION PACKET

NJDEP

RECYCLING AWARDS

Recognizing Excellence in Recycling
Throughout New Jersey



Deadline: July 27, 2018

RECYCLING AWARDS

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, in conjunction with the Association of New Jersey Recyclers, annually recognizes excellence in recycling. Our goal is to highlight the success of agencies, businesses, individuals and others who go beyond the norm to advance recycling and to make these examples available to others who may emulate them.

THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION SUBMITTALS IS July 27, 2018

ELIGIBILITY

You may nominate yourself, your business/organization, or any other business, individual or organization worthy of recognition. Applicants or projects must:

- be located in New Jersey
- agree to share their project or program with others
- provide supporting documentation for a one-year period (2017)
- Award winners from the previous three years are not eligible to participate again this year
- Second party nominations must be accompanied by a written authorization from the nominated party agreeing to be considered for the award

AWARD CATEGORIES

The categories for these awards are outlined below. You must identify only one category for each nomination on the application form on page 8. The nomination will be judged against other entries in that category.

Institution

Any pre-school, elementary, intermediate or high school, hospital, long-term care facility, nursing home, college, university, or other institution that has implemented a recycling program or expanded an existing program.

Business

Any large or small business that has implemented a recycling program, expanded an existing program, and/or developed and implemented a sustainability plan.

Retail Merchant

Any large or small retail merchant who has implemented a recycling program or expanded an existing program.

Government

A county, municipality, or state agency/instrumentality that has expanded its recycling or buy recycled program.

Leadership

County, municipal, business, school or other recycling coordinators/leaders who have implemented new recycling programs, expanded existing programs or otherwise fostered the advancement of recycling through years of dedicated service.

Rising Star

Individuals or programs that have achieved exemplary recycling results in previously unsuccessful situations through innovation and persistence.

Outstanding Educator/Educational Program

Any teacher, administrator, community or student group, environmental educator or individual student whose actions have resulted in increased participation in recycling.

Recycling Industry

Any processing facility (Class A, B, C and D), manufacturer, equipment manufacturer, or collector who has contributed to the expansion of recycling in New Jersey.

Source Reduction/Resource Management/Sustainability

Any program that has reduced waste at its source and managed its resources in a more efficient and sustainable manner.

Volunteer Citizen

Any New Jersey resident who has, in a voluntary capacity, assisted in the promotion and implementation of recycling in New Jersey.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Please document performance for 2017 using the following five criteria. The program narrative may not exceed 4 pages and the supporting documentation may not exceed 15 pages.

1. MEASURABLE OUTCOMES AND DOCUMENTATION

Show us, through data or documents, the following:

- the nominee's recycling rate and materials recycled;
- any improvement over time;
- all recycled products purchased, and any written policy to do so;
- any reduction in resources used, or any change from toxic products to non-toxic alternatives;
- how the nominee funded and budgeted his project or program;
- any enforcement activities performed.

Samples may include weigh slips, bills of lading, bid specifications, budget sheets, buy recycled policies, etc.

2. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

How did the nominee educate both members of his institution/organization, and visitors or clients? What costs were incurred to implement the educational program, and how was this program funded? What rewards or sanctions were used? How many people were reached? Was the nominee able to change behavior, and if so, to what extent? How was that measured?

Samples may include promotional materials, signage, published articles, etc.

3. COVERAGE AND REPLICABILITY

Were innovations introduced across all branches of the organization? Can others learn from and adapt the nominee's program in their own organizations?

4. LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION

How does this program, project or individual show leadership and take steps beyond "traditional" recycling? How does this project or individual build alliances or share information to approach problems? Describe such issues as originality, effectiveness in improving existing methods and any risks that were overcome.

5. EXCEEDING REGULATORY STANDARDS

How has the nominee exceeded regulatory expectations? Did the nominee collect materials not required, or serve clients that he did not need to serve?

Application Requirements

Submit the following

- Completed Application Form**
(see page 8)
- Written Program Narrative**
(no longer than 4 pages)
- Supporting Documentation**
(no longer than 15 pages)

Dates to Remember

Application Due Date

July 27, 2018

Award Winners Notified

September 2018

Annual Recycling Symposium & Awards Luncheon

October 17, 2018

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SUBMITTALS AND DEADLINES

Award applications should include all of the following 3 components: **your completed application form (see page 8), a program narrative (no more than 4 pages), and supporting documentation (no more than 15 pages)**. Electronic submissions of the entire nomination package can be sent to njrecycles@dep.nj.gov. All applications must be received by close of business on July 27, 2018.

Award winners will be notified in September 2018. Awards will be presented during the Annual Recycling Symposium and Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. For further information, contact Steve Rinaldi, Bureau of Energy and Sustainability, at (609)-984-4992. All entries are public information.

SCORING/EVALUATING

A panel of judges from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Association of New Jersey Recyclers will evaluate all applications. Each applicant may be awarded up to 100 total points, distributed as per the table below:

	Institution Business Retail Merchant Government Recycling Industry	Leadership Rising Star Outstanding Educator/Program Volunteer Citizen	Source Reduction/ Resource Management/ Sustainability
Measurable Outcomes	30%	10%	30%
Education and Outreach	20%	30%	20%
Coverage and Replicability	15%	20%	20%
Leadership and Innovation	20%	30%	30%
Exceeding Standards	15%	10%	0%

ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY RECYCLERS

ANJR is a non-profit, non-partisan network representing public and private sectors whose mission is to promote sustainability by promoting sound resource management and recycling strategies through education, advocacy, and the enhancement of professional standards. ANJR firmly believes that New Jersey needs an integrated solid waste management plan, and will facilitate that plan with education and advocacy around the issues of recycling, source reduction, resource management, household hazardous waste management, buy recycled sustainability, composting, and litter prevention and reduction.

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

ABOUT THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is committed to providing a high quality of life for the residents of New Jersey. It is our mission to assist the residents of New Jersey in preserving, sustaining, protecting and enhancing the environment to ensure the integration of high environmental quality, public health and economic vitality. We will accomplish our mission in partnership with the general public, business, the environmental community and all levels of government. For more information on the Department, please visit www.nj.gov/dep/

2017 AWARDEES

Business Award

Humanscale, Piscataway, NJ



Humanscale, which manufactures ergonomic office furniture, achieved a 90 percent waste diversion goal for its facility in Piscataway, Middlesex County, by identifying all possible sources of waste diversion and then getting company employees on board with recycling plans. The result: recycling is profitable for the company, when it was previously an expense.

Business Award

Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Titusville, NJ



Janssen, a wholly owned subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, has achieved several key environmental milestones in recent years, including a nearly 78 percent waste diversion rate in 2016 for its three-year-old recycling program; LEED Gold Certification in 2014 at its Titusville, Mercer County facility; significant reduction in medical and hazardous waste disposal from 2011 to 2012; and development of a successful food waste composting program in effect since 2011.

Education Award

Essex County Vocational Technical School, West Caldwell, NJ



In 2014, they developed a school-wide recycling program thanks to a 2014 grant from the National Future Farmers of America Organization and CSX Corporation. The program has since expanded from everyday classroom recyclables to include cardboard, cans and food waste, and has inspired the entire school community to use environmentally friendly practices and products.

Education Award

David Alexander, Essex County Environmental Center, Roseland, NJ



David Alexander, Senior Naturalist at the Essex County Environmental Center, developed a recycling curriculum for students that not only facilitates trips to the center, but helps students use math to calculate average resident rates of waste disposal and recycling. The program's successes have helped students develop stewardship practices at their schools and in their communities.



Institution Award

Egg Harbor City Community School, Egg Harbor City, NJ

The Atlantic County school, which serves approximately 230 children in grades 4-8, was the Keep America Beautiful Recycle Bowl National Champion in 2015, ranking first among nearly 1,300 schools nationwide for its recycling efforts and successes. The school also was named Recycle Bowl New Jersey State Champion in 2013, 2014 and 2016.

Leadership Award

William R. Bausmith, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ



William R. Bausmith, Associate Director of Construction and Management in the Department of Design and Construction at Princeton University, has developed and managed a construction recycling program that averages a 95 percent diversion rate for all construction and demolition waste. Bausmith achieved the high rate by developing contract standards, providing incentives for positive behavioral changes, and creating web-based recycling reporting systems.

Source Reduction, Resource Management, and Sustainability Award

Pedals for Progress, Glen Gardner, NJ



Pedals for Progress, a nonprofit organization, has diverted an estimated 100,000 pounds of materials in 2015 and 88,000 pounds of materials in 2016 from landfills and other waste streams by collecting and shipping used bicycles and sewing machines to partner organizations. The equipment supports economic development in developing countries, and helps underprivileged individuals overseas in need of non-polluting transportation. Since its founding in 1991, Pedals for Progress has diverted more than 4.5 million pounds of materials from the waste stream.

Source Reduction, Resource Management, and Sustainability Award

NJ Habitat for Humanity ReStores



Habitat for Humanity ReStores are building supply outlets that sell new and gently used building supplies, furnishings and appliances to help promote neighborhood revitalization while reducing landfill waste. The Northern Ocean County Habitat ReStore in fiscal year 2016 diverted nearly five times more waste than it did in 2001, while the Warren County ReStore has seen a steady improvement of 5 percent annually that is projected to continue for at least the next three years.

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Rising Star Award *Camden City School District*

The Camden County district has implemented recycling programs, training for educators and administrators, and focused efforts in classrooms, the cafeteria, and district-wide. Due to those efforts, as well as collaboration with businesses and district managers, the district has reached its recycling goals, and is meeting standards once difficult to achieve.



Government Award *Perth Amboy Office of Recycling, Perth Amboy, NJ*

The Perth Amboy Office of Recycling, a division of the Middlesex County City's Department of Public Works, has developed the Recycling Buddy Bag Program, which instructs residents on how to recycle. The program targets residents who live in areas where trash is not collected by the city, such as condominiums, apartment complexes and high rises.

Special Commissioner's Award *Dominick D'Altilio*



Dominick D'Altilio received a special Commissioner's Award for his instrumental role of more than two decades for promoting and advancing recycling through ANJR. D'Altilio, who has served for 35 years as Assistant Director of Public Works and Recycling Coordinator for the City of East Orange in Essex County, joined the ANJR Board in 1993 and served as president from 2003-2017 until stepping down earlier this year and becoming a board member emeritus. During his time on the ANJR Board, D'Altilio was a member of the committee that developed the Rutgers University Certified Recycling Professional Program, and was a graduate of the first Certified Recycling Professional class. He has served as a program instructor since.

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 2018 Recycling Awards Application

(Please submit this completed application form electronically along with the program narrative and supporting documentation.)

Name of Company/Association/Organization or Individual to be nominated: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Person Responsible for Preparing Application / Title:

Nominator's Address: _____

Nominator's Phone Number: _____

Nominator's Fax Number: _____

Nominator's Email Address: _____

Is this a second party nomination? Yes No

If Yes, please attach authorization from the nominated party.

Category of the nomination (Select One):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Institution | <input type="checkbox"/> Business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail Merchant | <input type="checkbox"/> Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Rising Star |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educator/Educational Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling Industry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Citizen | <input type="checkbox"/> Source Reduction/Resource Management/ Sustainability |

REQUIRED:

Provide a **brief** description of the company, organization or individual nominee, identifying the nominee's contributions to New Jersey's recycling program (no more than 2 paragraphs).