



Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council 2012 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AWARDS

Winners

Each year the Carroll County Commissioners and the Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council recognize the people and businesses in our community who have made a difference in instituting or forwarding positive environmental thought and action. Recognition this year was given through the Environmental Awareness Awards in the following categories: Individual, Institutional, and Business.

THE INDIVIDUAL AWARD

PAUL KAZYAK

This individual leads the Venture Crew 202, an environmentally active Boy Scout troop. He has organized multiple bog restorations, expeditions to remove the invasive water chestnut, tree plantings and several “Awakening the Dreamer” symposiums to generate environmental awareness. He has also inspired many of the Crew 202 youth to study environmental engineering and sustainability fields in college.

THE BUSINESS AWARD

NORTHROP GRUMMAN SYKESVILLE CAMPUS

This company, through their greeNG initiative, has established long term environmental sustainability objectives to achieve by the end of 2014. A few examples of these objectives include reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 25%, reducing the volume and toxicity of company waste materials, and recycling tons of paper, wood, metals, electronics, and petroleum. In 2011, the company had an 87.5% recycling rate. Accepting the award on the company’s behalf was Joe Opauski, Senior EHS Engineer.

THE INSTITUTIONAL AWARD (3-way tie)

THE GATEWAY SCHOOL AT CROSSROADS MIDDLE SCHOOL

This middle school’s “Go Green Initiative” has spurred all types of environmentally beneficial projects across their campus. Some of these projects include the enhancement and maintenance of their 8,100-square-foot native labyrinth garden, removal of invasive flora, installation of a native pond garden, and raising horseshoe crabs and bay grasses for educational purposes. Accepting the award on behalf of the school was Heather Semies.

LINTON SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GREEN TEAM

This elementary school’s green team has worked diligently to eradicate invasive weeds in their local streambed habitat and meadows, built rain barrels and cold frames, established a compost area, implemented a school recycling program and awareness campaign and planted large community gardens. The garden benefits the County’s food bank and utilizes the support of many community volunteers. Accepting the award on behalf of the Green Team were Alaina Haerbig and Anna Letaw.

SYKESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL GREEN TEAM

This middle school's green team was presented with an opportunity to tackle a very important environmental issue, reducing idling from waiting cars. The students did research and created a campaign to educate the public, by setting up "Idle Free Zone" signs, writing articles for the school newsletter, and sending information about the program to the parents and students.

Honorable Mention

Individual Category

Jane Castner
Carolyn Puckett

We also would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to **Schott Nursery** and **Bartlett Tree Experts** for their generous donation of trees and services to plant trees in honor of our award winners at the grove at Carroll Community College. Schott Nursery donated a native black gum and a native basswood. Bartlett Tree Experts donated their services to transport and plant the trees.