

# **APPENDIX C**

## **FAIRFAX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

The Fairfax County Environmental Excellence Awards have been established to recognize county residents, organizations, businesses and county employees who unselfishly dedicate time, energy and expertise for the betterment of the environment in support of countywide environmental goals and initiatives. Award recipients are selected by the Environmental Quality Advisory Council, and the awards are presented each fall during a meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

The recipients of the 2007 Environmental Excellence Awards were:

County Resident Awards:	Chet McLaren
Organization Award:	Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter Project Management Team
Business Award:	“Jack-the-Ripper” Certified Arborists, Inc.

Chet McLaren has been EQAC’s Braddock District representative since 2002. He represents EQAC on the Fairfax County Tree Commission and has authored portions of the Land Use & Transportation and Ecological Resources chapters of this report. He has been recognized for the leadership roles he has taken on a wide range of civic and environmental organizations, including EQAC. He has served on the Fairfax County Park Authority Board, the Park Authority’s Advisory Board, the Wakefield Park Master Plan Committee, the Trails and Sidewalks Committee, the Upper Accotink Watershed Education Committee and the North Springfield Civic Association Board. As noted in his nomination, “Chet embodies everything the award strives to recognize. He has become [a] local source and advisor for emerging environmental concerns in the Braddock District as well [as] a friend of the many various environmental groups in the area. He is living proof that dedication, passion and a little elbow grease goes a long way in improving our local environment.”

As noted in the nomination materials for the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter Project Management Team, the shelter is the county’s newest homeless shelter and the first such shelter in the country to be recognized by the Green Building Initiative’s Green Globes environmental assessment and rating system for commercial buildings. The project was the first to be certified by the Green Building Initiative in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Environmental features that have been incorporated in the design of the facility include:

- Minimization of the facility’s footprint, thereby conserving natural features around the site.
- Use of energy efficient appliances and systems.

- Building materials chosen for minimal environmental impact, high recycled content and increased life cycle.
- Provision of a healthy interior environment through the use of finishes with low emissions of volatile organic compounds.
- Use of materials from nearby areas to reduce costs and environmental impacts of hauling.
- Use of natural landscaping to reduce irrigation needs.
- Use of several independent zones for the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system to save energy and costs.
- Use of low-emissivity windows, which lowers heat flow through the windows and saves energy.
- Provision of preferred parking for carpoolers.
- Provision of bicycle racks and an off-site trail.

The Project Management Team is comprised of the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and Wisnewski Blair & Associates, Ltd.

The nomination for “Jack-the-Ripper, Inc.” Certified Arborists noted that this firm “has demonstrated a sustained and ongoing commitment to sound environmental business practices for twenty years.” The firm’s Web site highlights this commitment, noting that “When we see a scruffy looking public area, we clean it up. We especially enjoy saving road side trees that have been neglected.” The firm has incurred considerable expense for the upkeep and maintenance of beautification efforts at several sites in the Great Falls, McLean and Vienna areas. The firm has saved landmark trees including large oaks at the McLean Post Office and at Louse Archer Elementary School as well as a grove of trees at Flint Hill Elementary School. The firm was honored with a Fairfax County Friends of Trees Award at the 2008 Earth Day/Arbor Day ceremony in recognition of its efforts.

EQAC congratulates all award recipients.

In past years, Environmental Excellence Awards have been awarded to the following people and organizations:

2007

County Resident Awards:	Scott Birdwell Eleanor Quigley and Penelope Firth
Organization Awards:	Great Falls Citizens Association Invasive Management Area Volunteers
County Employee Award:	Judy Fincham

2006

County Resident Award:	Ken Andrews
Organization Award:	Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District
Business Award:	Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc.

2005

County Employee Award: Janet Rahman

2004

County Resident Award: Ned Foster  
Organization Award: Reston Association

2003

County Resident Award: Joseph Chudzik  
Organization Award: Students Against Global Abuse  
County Employee Award: Noel Kaplan

2002

County Resident Award: Charlie Creighton  
Organization Award: Hickory Farms Community Association

2001

County Resident Award: Chris Koerner  
Organization Award: Bailey's Beautification Alliance

2000

County Resident Award: Norma Hoffman  
Organization Award: Friends of Sugarland Run  
County Government Employee Award: Gary Roisum

The nomination period for the Environmental Excellence Awards occurs during the spring of each year. EQAC encourages interested individuals, organizations, county employees and businesses to submit nominations.

