

# **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 2009 Environmental Excellence Awards were:

Organization Award:	Earth Sangha
Business Award:	Allen Wayne, Ltd.
County Employee Award:	Carl Sivertsen

Earth Sangha is a 501(c) 3 volunteer-based nonprofit environmental organization that was founded in 1997. The nomination that was submitted in support of the award states: “for more than a decade it has pursued an ambitious ecological restoration program to restore native forests and meadows, stabilize streams and control invasive alien plants, principally in Fairfax County.” Earth Sangha has pursued a wide range of efforts that support county environmental objectives, including the establishment of a native plant nursery that supplies native trees and other plants for restoration projects throughout the county, a Native Arboretum project at the Marie Butler Leven Preserve, and riparian buffer restoration projects. The nomination notes that, in 2008 alone, Earth Sangha mobilized over 10,000 hours of volunteer service. Much of the organization’s work is done in partnership with a wide range of governmental, educational, nonprofit, community and other organizations, including a number of county agencies. Earth Sangha provides invaluable support to the county’s watershed management efforts and to the county’s park system.

Allen Wayne, Ltd. is a Fairfax County-based printing, graphics and Internet services firm that has been recognized for its leadership and commitment in the use of environmentally-responsible technologies in its print production process. As noted in the nomination, the firm’s environmental commitments include: the use of paper manufactured from trees grown in Forest Stewardship Council-accredited forests; the use of soy-based inks that are derived from sustainable materials and that contain lower volatile organic compounds than petroleum-based inks; and the use of “chemistry-free” metal printing plates that require less processor cleaning and maintenance and operate at greater levels of efficiency than more traditional equipment.

Carl Sivertsen, an Environmental Health Specialist III with the Fairfax County Health Department, has been recognized for his dedication, leadership and enthusiasm in providing outreach on disease-carrying insect and other environmental health issues. It is clear from the nomination that,

in his efforts to reduce the number and severity of cases of insect-borne diseases, he has created within the Health Department an enthusiasm for public health and outreach that can, perhaps, best be described as infectious. During the eligibility period for the 2009 award, he organized and participated in over two dozen outreach events, including the organization, coordination and implementation of the Health Department's 2008 presentation at Celebrate Fairfax. He also performed approximately 300 site visits addressing complaints and did so in an efficient and effective manner, solving 98% of his cases within a 72-hour period. His nomination refers to his "enthusiasm, friendly demeanor, ingenuity, persistence and determination," as well as his ability to leverage resources through partnerships with other groups, agencies and businesses.

EQAC congratulates all award recipients.

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

2008

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

2007

County Resident Awards:	Scott Birdwell
Organization Awards:	Eleanor Quigley and Penelope Firth 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
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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 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.