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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 2010 Environmental Excellence Awards were:

County Resident Award:	Maureen Goble
Business Award:	Project Performance Corporation
County Employee Award:	Meghan Fellows

Maureen Goble has been recognized for her critical assistance in the recruitment of student volunteers for riparian buffer restoration projects and her success in establishing a strong environmental stewardship and volunteer ethic among her secondary school students. The nomination that was submitted in support of the award notes her critical role in ensuring the success of a riparian buffer restoration initiative of Earth Sangha, the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. Ms. Goble is a teacher and Director of the Advanced Placement Environmental Science Program at Lake Braddock Secondary School, and the following excerpt from her nomination highlights why EQAC has selected her to receive this award:

“I began to communicate with Maureen regularly as she wanted to hear the feedback about her students’ performance in the field. I quickly realized that she was no ordinary teacher. She wanted to make sure that her students’ field experiences would provide real and important connections with what they learned in class. . . . Every season, Maureen organized and accompanied her class to work on our fieldwork sites. When she’s present, you can feel the energy, the loving and trusting kind, which is hard to explain if you’re not there to witness it, surround the students. I could not help but notice just how much her students admired her. I met some very bright and enlightened students of hers who moved on to attend some great colleges, declaring that they will study Environmental Science. Maureen has proved to her students that protecting the environment is something desirable and cool.”

Project Performance Corporation is a management consulting firm that is headquartered in the Tysons Corner area. It has been recognized for its environmental stewardship ethic and business practices, its efforts to encourage and assist its employees to adopt environmentally-friendly behaviors, and its environmental outreach efforts in the community. The supporting nomination states: *“PPC demonstrates a strong commitment to being a model of sustainability in the professional services industry in Fairfax County. PPC not only demonstrates awareness of its environmental footprint, it continually seeks new opportunities to refine business operations in order to advance PPC as an environmentally-friendly company.”* As detailed in the nomination, its environmental efforts include: measurement and management of the company’s carbon dioxide emissions; education of employees on resource and energy conservation in the home and office; green purchasing guidelines leading to a 30% reduction in office paper consumption; energy savings through elimination of computer servers and virtualization technology; support to the Newton Marasco Foundation on numerous environmental initiatives; adoption of a two-mile stretch of Chain Bridge Road through the Virginia Department of Transportation’s Adopt-a-Highway program; and sponsorship, support and development of environmental outreach and awareness programs.

Meghan Fellows, a Natural Resource Specialist and Invasive Management Coordinator for the Fairfax County Park Authority, has received an Environmental Excellence Award for her dedication, leadership, vision and outreach efforts in the development and implementation of the Fairfax County Park Authority’s Invasives Management Area program. As detailed in her nomination, this program is designed to: (1) educate the public about the threat of alien invasive plant species; (2) train volunteers to remove invasives; and (3) direct these volunteers to park sites that have been infested by invasive plant species, where they lead teams of other volunteers in the removal of the invasive plants. The nomination details how Ms. Fellows has obtained critical grant funding to ensure the continued success of the program, her recruitment and training of volunteers who have, in turn, become community environmental leaders, her development of an award-winning photo identification guide to local invasive plants, her development of an outreach component for the program, and her dedication of large amounts of non-work hours to the effort. The nomination stresses Ms. Fellows’ vision, collaboration skills, ability to obtain independent funding, effective program management and commitment, concluding that, *“thanks in large measure to Meghan’s efforts, IMA is becoming a major force for local conservation.”*

EQAC congratulates all award recipients.

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

2009

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

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.