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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 2011 Environmental Excellence Awards were:

Organization Award:	Fairfax County Restoration Project
Organization Award:	Fairfax County Department of Vehicle Services

The Fairfax County Restoration Project has been recognized for numerous projects that serve to fulfill its mission to “strengthen the relationship between people and nature through community action.” Noted in the nomination were the following:

- A conference for homeowners highlighting the need for and value of watershed stewardship;
- A Schoolyard Greening Project that converted turf areas to forest at a pumping station, providing a living classroom for nearby public schools;
- A Native Tree Discount Coupon program providing for discounts for purchases of native trees at a local nursery;
- A “Reforest Fairfax” tree gifting program through which trees will be planted in the county in honor of friends, family or clients; and
- A partnership with a homeowner association on restoration of degraded areas near the I-495 HOT Lanes project.

The following excerpt from the nomination highlights the Restoration Project’s merits:

“ . . . the value of the FCRP is not just in the work it accomplishes, but in the collaborative nature of that work which results in stronger partnerships between governments, non-profits, businesses and individuals in Fairfax County. As a result of these dual benefits, the FCRP is deserving or (sic) the Fairfax County Environmental Excellence Award.”

EQAC concurred with the nominator's conclusion and was pleased to select the Restoration Project as an award recipient.

One might not typically think of a local government vehicle services agency as a strong environmental steward, but the nomination for the **Fairfax County Department of Vehicle Services** clearly indicates how fortunate Fairfax County is in being served by this environmentally-conscious, forward-looking agency. The nomination highlights many of the agency's environmental efforts, a few of which are noted below:

- The development and continuing expansion of a hybrid-drive vehicle fleet, including the acquisition of a hybrid hydraulic "launch assist" refuse collection truck;
- The use of grant funding for retrofitting of school buses with an emerging technology to achieve substantial reductions in emissions of oxides of nitrogen (NOx);
- Pursuit of a pilot project to test, on heavy trucks, technologies to reduce engine idling;
- Leadership in countywide efforts, and active contributions to state efforts, to prepare for the commercial introduction of electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles; and
- Numerous efforts to reduce the use of resources, release of pollutants, and generation of wastes in DVS operations.

EQAC has become acquainted with DVS through its twice-yearly meetings with the county's Environmental Coordinating Committee and is indeed impressed with its environmental ethic and dedication.

EQAC congratulates both of these award recipients.

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

2010

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

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 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
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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.