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Wolf Administration Announces Winners of the 2020 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence

2021 Application Window Now Open

Harrisburg, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced the winners of the 2020 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence. More than 60 applicants from across the commonwealth nominated projects on energy efficiency, emissions reduction, watershed restoration and protection, environmental education opportunities, and smart growth planning and design.

In addition to the 2020 winners being announced, the nomination period for the 2021 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence is now open.

Applications for the 2021 awards will be accepted through 5 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2020. Applications must be submitted via DEP's online application system at www.ahs.dep.pa.gov/GovernorsAwardsApplication. All questions should be directed to ra-epgovenviroawards@pa.gov.

The Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence is open to any Pennsylvania business, farm, government agency, educational institution, non-profit organization and individual that has created, or participated in, the development of a project that promotes environmental stewardship and economic development in Pennsylvania.

"These awards highlight the ingenuity and commitment Pennsylvanians have for protecting and improving our environment," said DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell. "The unique projects show how communities, businesses, and educational organizations can come together to meet the diverse needs of our environment."

DEP oversees the awards selection process, evaluating projects on environmental protection, climate change, sustainability, partnership, economic impact, innovation, environmental education and outreach. Projects will also be judged on their commitment to environmental justice.

For a full list of 2020 Governor’s Awards for Environmental Excellence winners, see below:

Name of Project

Organization (County)

8th Street Lot Renovations

Indiana Borough (Indiana County)

Correctional Conservation Collaborative, Riparian Forest Buffer Vocational Training

SCI Huntingdon (Huntingdon County)

Etna EcoDistrict

Etna Community Organization and Borough of Etna (Allegheny County)

Forest Hills Net Zero Energy Municipal Building

Borough of Forest Hills (Allegheny County)

Geisinger Catawissa Clinic Photovoltaic Project

Geisinger (Montour County)

Innovative Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA) Program

Slippery Rock University (Butler County)

Youth Agriculture Projects & the Environment

Penn State Extension (Dauphin County)

Nature-based STEM

Riverbend Environmental Education Center (Montgomery County)

Pennypack Creek Headwaters Stormwater Management

Upper Moreland School District (Montgomery County)

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) Passive House & Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum Tower Expansion and Historical Renovation

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (Dauphin County)

Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens Living Campus

Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens (Allegheny County)

Pittsburgh International Airport Honey Bee Project

Pittsburgh International Airport (Allegheny County)

Preservation and Restoration of the Lehigh River Headwaters

Wildlands Conservancy (Lehigh County)

Youth Empowerment and Climate Change Education

Communitopia (Allegheny County)

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