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## **Environmental Commission Seeks Nominations for Environmental Excellence Awards**

The Loudoun County <u>Environmental Commission</u> is calling for nominations for the inaugural Environmental Excellence Awards, honoring individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations and educators for their leadership on environmental issues. Each year, the awards will encourage a particular environmental theme; projects that promote that theme will be awarded bonus points. For 2023, the theme will be projects that specifically impact litter prevention, education or clean up. Nominations for projects that focus on other areas of the environment are also welcome.

### Nominations

The nominations should include a brief overview of the project or person being nominated, information on how the project or person contributed to the preservation and protection of Loudoun County's environment, what specific results have been achieved, whether the project is sustainable and what best practices can be learned from the initiative.

### **Award Categories**

Nominations are being accepted in seven categories:

- **Citizen or Community Group** (examples: Nonprofit organization, club, faith-based group, etc.)
- Educator Teacher or School employee
- Government Employee or Program/Team
- Large Business (over 100 employees)
- Lifetime Achievement (Individual)
- Small Business (under 100 employees)
- **Student** Individual or Group

People and projects should be nominated for activities that took place between January 2022 and February 2023, with the exception of the Lifetime Achievement award.

Nominations can be submitted through <u>this online form</u>. The deadline for nominations is February 28, 2023. Winners will be notified in March with presentation of the awards scheduled for April.

More information, including a link to the nomination form is online at <u>loudoun.gov/EnvironmentalAwards</u>.

### **Environmental Commission**

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The Loudoun County Environmental Commission was created by the Board of Supervisors in 2021 to advise the Board and make recommendations on policies and practices related to the environment, sustainability and energy management. Members of the commission include representation from the community, industry and higher education.

#### **Stay Informed**

Anyone interested in environmental- and energy-related news from the Loudoun County government may subscribe to the Environment & Energy category available from the <u>Notify</u> <u>Me/New Flash</u> section of the Loudoun County website.

Information about the county's efforts to build a concrete, sustainable environmental planning strategy for the health, safety and welfare of Loudoun residents and businesses is also available at <u>loudoun.gov/environment</u>.

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