



# Choose Environmental Excellence Awards

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## Past to Present

### 2002

- Watershed Committee of the Ozarks recognized Pleasant Hope High School Stream Team.
- Ozark Greenways, Inc recognized City Utilities of Springfield Transit Division
- The Solid Waste Management District "O" sponsored three awards: Mike Inman, City of Springfield, Bette Houzenga, Ed and Pat Garton, City of Ozark Post Office, and Ray Birchler and Greene County Maintenance Staff.
- Barbara Lucks recognized Cheryl "Shae" Johnson, 4th Grade teacher at Greenwood Lab School with the Environmental Educator Award.
- A presentation of the first Show-Me Yards & Neighborhoods yard sign to Dick Lawless was also a part of the awards ceremony.

### 2003

- Ozark Greenways, Inc. recognized Mike Mitchell
- Watershed Committee of the Ozarks recognized Willard High School teacher Diane Crain
- Solid Waste Management District "O" Advisory Board presented their award to Ann Carter, Education Director, Discovery Center

### 2004—1st Year at Chamber

- Ozark Greenways recognized John Haik, owner of Ozark Adventures.
- Watershed Committee of the Ozarks recognized Mike Penprase and News-Leader.
- Solid Waste Management District "O" Advisory Board recognized Ken Reiss, Computer Recycling Center.
- Barbara Lucks recognized Dr. Melida Gutierrez, Associate Professor at SMSU with the Environmental Educator Award.
- Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Northstar Battery Company

### 2005

- Ozark Greenways recognized Towe Construction Company.
- Watershed Committee of the Ozarks recognized the Discovery Center of Springfield.
- Solid Waste Management District "O" Advisory Board members recognized the efforts of Ozarks Correctional Center, (OCC), Fordland.
- Barbara Lucks recognized Joe Pitts, Department of Natural Resources Environmental Education Unit with the Environmental Educator Award.
- Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Chamber Member Nestle Purina PetCare.

### 2006

- Ozark Greenways recognized Kennedy Contractors
- Watershed Committee of the Ozarks recognized Judson Whitlinger, recently retired from the City of Springfield's Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant

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- Solid Waste Management District “O” Advisory Board recognized Phillip Lingard, Sr., Executive Director of Enterprises Unlimited
- The Springfield/Greene County Environmental Advisory Board recognized Energy Star Homebuilders Lance Wright, Scott Kisling and Lloyd Babcock
- The Tree City USA Citizen’s Advisory Committee recognized the neighborhood groups that have participated in the NeighborWoods Program
- Barbara Lucks recognized Marie Steinwachs, Director of the Office of Waste Management for University of Missouri Extension with the Environmental Educator Award. Sixty area dentists were recognized through the Greene county Dental Society for their commitment mercury amalgam recycling as a result of Ms. Steinwachs efforts.

## **2007**

- Ozark Greenways recognized the Storm Tree Team. The Team included: Noel Boyer with A&A Tree Service, Kevin Harrell with ArborCare of the Ozarks and Tim Crews with Ryan’s Lawn and Tree Services
- Watershed Committee of the Ozarks recognized the Green Circle Team for their Developer of the Year Award and the Rader Family Farm for their LandOwner of the Year Award
- Solid Waste Management District “O” Executive Board recognized Elizabeth Aull, Recycling Coordinator of Nestle Purina PetCare Company-- There was a special service award given to Greene County Resource Manager and Waste District “O” Chair, Tim Smith
- The Springfield/Greene County Environmental Advisory Board recognized St. John’s Regional Health Center, represented by Bob Norton, David Gollhofer and Randy Scott
- The Tree City USA Citizen’s Advisory Committee recognized Springfield Public Works staff Joe Payne, Operations Supervisor and Alan Moore, Urban Forester, for their efforts during and following the January Ice Storm.
- Barbara Lucks recognized Jay Barber, Conservation Education Consultant with the Missouri Department of Conservation
- The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Chamber member The Discovery Center of Springfield
- Special Presentation/Award:
- Amy Bhesania, representing Region 7, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognized City Utilities of Springfield as a Blue Skyways Partner and the City of Springfield was recognized as a Blue Skyways Community for efforts to participate in the Blue Skyways Collaborative.

## **2008**

- The Watershed Committee of the Ozarks recognized Millsap Farms of Springfield with their Agriculture Award and the environmental consulting firm of EMSI for their Business Award.
- Solid Waste Management District “O” Executive Board recognized Sarah Davis with their 2008 Environmental Service Award.
- The Springfield/Greene County Environmental Advisory Board recognized Black Oak Organics and Innoviro, two businesses that are very much a part of the Green movement here in Springfield, Missouri.
- The Tree City USA Citizen’s Advisory Committee recognized KOLR-Channel 10 for their leadership and support of the Re-Forest the Ozarks Project.
- The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce recognized the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield.
- The Greater Ozarks Audubon Society recognized Kay Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator for the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society, for the hundreds of hours he has devoted to conservation in the Ozarks by awarding him the Greater Ozarks Audubon’s “Life Award for Environmental Excellence.

## **2009**

- Ozark Greenways, Inc. recognized Hood-Rich Architecture and Engineers. Since the inception of Ozark Greenways in 1989, the staff and partners of Hood-Rich Architecture & Engineers have been involved with the advancement of our community's greenway system, both in professional design and community support.
- The Watershed Committee of the Ozarks recognized Price-Cutter Stores, which have implemented a large number of Eco-Friendly Actions, including composting food wastes, promoting reusable cloth grocery bags, recycling cardboard and reducing electricity use.
- Solid Waste Management District "O" Executive Board recognized the Urban Districts Alliance for their Downtown Glass Recycling Project. The program was launched in August, 2008, after the Urban Districts Alliance received a grant from the Waste District.
- The Springfield/Greene County Environmental Advisory Board recognized Matt O'Reilly, Owner of Dynamic Earth and Green Circle Shopping Center. Matt is a purposeful businessman that has taken the lead in developing green building in the Ozark's by pushing the envelope with the soon to be LEED Platinum certified Green Shopping Center.
- The City of Springfield's Tree City USA Citizen's Advisory Committee recognized Friends of the Garden. Founded in 2000, Friends of the Garden has worked tirelessly to establish and facilitate a Botanical Center, gardens, and arboretum at Springfield's Close Botanical Gardens, Lake Drummond, Nathanael Greene, and Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden.
- The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Chamber member Southern Missouri Container's Packaging Group with their "Choose Environmental Excellence" Business Award.
- The Greater Ozarks Audubon Society recognized Sue Schuble as the recipient of this year's Conservation Environmental Excellence award. She is a previous Vice President and President of the Chapter and presently a member of the Board of Directors.
- Barbara Lucks Environmental/Conservation Education Award was presented to the Springfield Conservation Nature Center. Last October, the Nature Center celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their opening. Since 1988, nearly 2.1 million visitors have toured the facility to learn about conservation and to discover nature through first-hand experiences.
- Community Partnership of the Ozarks Environmental Collaborative recognized Loring Bullard, Executive Director of the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks for a long and successful career. Mr. Bullard is known for his passion for clean water. He has worked with the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks since 1989.

## **2010**

- The Watershed Committee of the Ozarks recognized Sue Dyle, Rebecca Zigler and Misty Mitchell for their dedication to the WOLF (Wonders of the Outdoors Learning Facility) school.
- Solid Waste Management District "O" Executive Board recognized Greenway Recycling and Fiber Management for their support and assistance given to District "O" recycling centers which have made the availability of recycling services possible to the 23 cities in the 5-county area served by the Waste District -Christian, Dallas, Polk, Webster, Greene.
- The Ozarks Clean Air Alliance, a subcommittee of the Environmental Collaborative of the Community Partnership of the Ozarks, recognized Springfield R-12 and Rogersville Schools, for their efforts in retrofitting school buses to reduce diesel emissions resulting in benefits to both the riders of the buses and overall air quality.
- The Springfield/Greene County Environmental Advisory Board recognized Dan Chiles, Springfield Mayor Pro-tem, for his leadership, public service and private sector commitment to environmental protection.

- The City of Springfield's Tree City USA Citizen's Advisory Committee recognized Abbe Ehlers, former Committee Chair, for her long-term advocacy and efforts to preserve and protect Springfield's urban forest.
- The Partnership for Sustainability presented their Environmental Excellence Award to BKD, LLP recognizing their commitment to environmental sustainability. BKD, LLP is also the first business to earn the "Green Level" or highest environmental rating of the Ozarks GreenScore program.
- The Greater Ozarks Audubon Society recognized Charles Burwick as the recipient of their Conservation Environmental Excellence award.
- Community Partnership of the Ozarks Environmental Collaborative recognized Doug Neidigh, Drury University's Ozarks Center for Sustainable Solutions and Natasha Longpine, Ozarks Transportation Organization, for their leadership and fostering of collaboration to protect and enhance the air quality of the region.

## **2011**

- The Watershed Committee of the Ozarks recognized the City of Willard for their proactive approach to safeguarding drinking water sources for their citizens.
- Solid Waste Management District "O" Executive Board recognized Brad Leonard, a Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) employee and a member of the Missouri National Guard.
- The Ozarks Clean Air Alliance, a subcommittee of the Environmental Collaborative of the Community Partnership of the Ozarks, presented two awards. Ozarks Transportation Organization was selected for outstanding leadership in air pollution prevention by developing and implementing the web-based Ride Share program found at [www.ozarkscommute.com](http://www.ozarkscommute.com). They also recognized Wil Fisher Distributors for outstanding leadership in air pollution prevention by creating on-site production of bio diesel, a new initiative for the distributing company.
- The Springfield/Greene County Environmental Advisory Board recognized Mike Kromrey, Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, for his dedication to the health of our environment and his gracious public service and undying commitment to environmental protection.
- The City of Springfield's Tree City USA Citizen's Advisory Committee recognized Bill Roach and Phil Broyles. Bill Roach, a Springfield/Greene County Parks Department employee came out of retirement to help with the aftermath of the 2007 ice storm and stayed on with the Public Works Department, working and volunteering on his own time to protect the urban forest in Springfield. Phil Broyles, Springfield Public Works Co-Interim Director was recognized for his continued support of Springfield's urban forest and of the Tree City USA Citizens Advisory Committee.
- The Partnership for Sustainability presented their Environmental Excellence Award to Wil Fischer companies recognizing their innovative and successful fleet of alternative fuel vehicles.
- The Greater Ozarks Audubon Society recognized Dave Catlin as the recipient of their Environmental Excellence award. He has been an active member of the organization for over 10 years, providing leadership and fundraising talent, including the creation of an endowment for GOAS with the Community Foundation of the Ozarks and several successful grant proposals.
- Ozark Greenways, Inc. recognized the Central High School Environmental Club for their entrepreneurial spirit and initiative exhibited by forming their club, volunteering, and taking the responsibility to learn about business and the environment.
- Community Partnership of the Ozarks Environmental Collaborative recognized Dave Coonrod for decades of dedication to the protection of the natural environment or the Ozarks. His service includes volunteer work, work as an elected official and as the first Executive Director of the then newly formed Watershed Committee of the Ozarks.
- Springfield Plateau Chapter Missouri Master Naturalists recognized Bob Kipfer for his efforts in a leadership role in several organizations dedicated to furthering conservation of the natural environment, including offering his picturesque private residence, abundant with flora and fauna as a meeting and educational location.