

2015 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence



Businesses

Central Vermont Medical Center (Berlin)

Reduced electrical energy usage hospital-wide by 26 percent

General Electric Aviation (Rutland)

Conversion of high-pressure pumps to electronically controlled, variable frequency drives, resulting in significant energy savings

IBM (Essex Junction)

Greenhouse gas emissions reductions in semi-conductor manufacturing processes by IBM's Etch Engineering Team

IBM (Essex Junction)

Optimization of IBM's wastewater treatment system by IBM's Wastewater Treatment team, resulting in significant reduction in electricity usage, chemical input, water use, and waste generation

Mountain Meadow Farm (Sudbury)

Numerous on-farm environmental stewardship practices implemented to protect water quality, reduce phosphorus and other nutrient pollutants in stormwater runoff

TAM, Inc. (Shaftsbury)

First commercial organics composting operation in Bennington County with innovative educational programs for customers and schools

Municipal Organizations, Non-Profit Organizations & Educational Institutions

Mount Holly

Mount Holly, through the community organizing efforts of residentMarcyTanger,hasbeenaleaderinhomeweatherization projects, with 11% of all year-round homes weatherized, and many more having received energy audits

Ottauquechee Natural Resources Conservation District

The River Road Show, a traveling educational display, uses a stream table to demonstrate how rivers and streambanks react to human impacts, and has educated thousands of Vermonters on flood resiliency

UVM Extension 4-H (Burlington)

Created Teens Reaching Youth (TRY), where teens lead renewable energy lessons for children in grades K - 3

Lewis Creek (Charlotte)

Implemented a successful gully stabilization project on a farm, reducing sedimentation and erosion by over 90% from six gullies

City of Montpelier

TheMontpelierWastewaterTreatmentFacilityhasimplemented several energy conservation practices and has cut energy use in half

Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (Montpelier)

Established the Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC) as an outlet for hard-to-recycle items for District member towns

UVM Extension (Burlington)

Created the Certification for Sustainable Transportation program, with driver training and certification programs that have been utilized by over 50 transportation companies across the nation, training and certifying over 10,000 participants

Lake Region High School (Orleans)

Implemented a school community-wide energy efficiency and sustainability program and has been designated as an EPA Green Ribbon School for its efforts

Thetford Elementary (Thetford)

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Vermont Schools Achieving EnergyStar Building Certification

The following schools are among those in Vermont to achieve EPA EnergyStar Building Certification for Schools. These schools are in the top 25% of schools nationwide in energy efficiency, while also meeting standards for health, ventilation, comfort and lighting quality. These schools are part of Project Green School, a collaboration led by Efficiency Vermont and the Vermont Superintendents Association's School Energy Management Program.

U-32 (Montpelier)

Burlington School District - Champlain Elementary, Sustainability Academy, CP Smith Elementary, and JJ Flynn Elementary

Essex School District - Essex Elementary, Essex Middle School, Founders Elementary

Hanover/Norwich - Marion Cross School

Hinesburg Community School

Lamoille Union School District - Lamoille Union High School and Green Mountain Technology Career Center

Rivendell Interstate District - Samuel Morey Elementary and Westshire Elementary

South Burlington School District - Chamberlin School, Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School, Orchard School, Rick Marcotte Central School, South Burlington High School

St. Albans - St. Albans City Elementary, St. Albans Educational Center