



2014 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence



Businesses

AllEarth Renewables (Williston)

Employee cash incentive program to reduce their personal carbon emissions, focused on vehicle miles traveled, electricity use, and home heating. Employees receive an annual stipend, are "charged" a "carbon tax" and keep what is not used at year's end after filing a "carbon tax return."

Cx Associates (Burlington)

Green incentive employee commuting program to encourage alternate forms of transportation, including bus riding, bicycling, and walking, plus proper car maintenance.

IBM (Essex Junction)

Photochemical waste reduction in the semiconductor manufacturing process, resulting in reduced solvent use by thousands of gallons and cost savings of over half a million dollars per year.

Lamoille Valley/Twin State Ford (Hardwick and St. Johnsbury)

Campaign to promote the sale of plug-in electric hybrid vehicles. The company was the second Ford dealership in the country in sales of hybrid electric vehicles in 2013.

SunCommon (Waterbury Center)

Residential solar installation business with an innovative financing model that has made solar renewable energy affordable and has substantially increased solar residential installations in the state.

Municipal Organizations

Brandon Fire District No. 1 (Brandon)

Comprehensive Ground Water Source Protection Plan. The town is the first municipality to receive Class II designation for protection of its drinking water sources.

Chittenden Solid Waste District (Williston)

Comprehensive and multi-faceted waste reduction education programs serving a quarter of the state's population, and achieving solid waste diversion and reduction numbers that lead state efforts.

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee (Marshfield)

Energy conservation through a comprehensive energy retrofit to Marshfield's community center, assistance to the town's school, and a home weatherization campaign, including door-to-door visits, workshops, and energy fairs.

Weybridge Energy Committee (Weybridge)

Comprehensive home weatherization program in 2013 that was part of a statewide Vermont Home Energy Challenge to weatherize 3% of homes. Weybridge exceeded the goal and led the state in this effort.

Non-Profit Organizations

Highfields Center for Composting (Hardwick)

Leading statewide efforts in providing composting technical assistance to farmers, businesses and municipal entities, as well as developing acceptable management practices and training/certification programs for composters.

NorthWoods Stewardship Center (East Charleston)

For the past 20 years, the NorthWoods Conservation Corps program has provided hands-on, conservation-based education, employment, and job skills to Northeast Kingdom youth, ages 14-21.

Sustainable Energy Resource Group (Thetford)

Pioneered the concept of town energy committees, networking with over 180 town energy committees in Vermont and New Hampshire and leading innovative pilot projects such as Thetford HEAT (Home Energy Action Team) to promote home weatherization.

Waterbury LEAP (Local Energy Action Partnership)

Since 2007 Waterbury LEAP has been a leader in energy conservation and renewable energy projects and educational efforts at the local level. In a recent project, Waterbury/Duxbury Solar Years, has quadrupled solar renewable energy installations in a two-year period.

Educational Institutions

Burr and Burton Academy (Manchester)

Created an innovative place-based environmental education model with integrated curriculum at its Mountain Campus in Peru, VT. The facility received LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum Certification.

Vermont Schools Achieving EnergyStar Building Certification

The following schools are among some of the first 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.

Brattleboro Union High School (Brattleboro)
Camels Hump Middle School (Richmond)
Clarendon Elementary School (North Clarendon)
Harwood Union High School (Duxbury)
Mount Mansfield Union High School (Jericho)
Shelburne Community School (Shelburne)
Waits River Valley School (East Corinth)