

Benton County Environmental Award

The Benton County Board of Commissioners and the Environmental Issues Advisory Committee are seeking nominations for the Fifth-Annual Benton County Environmental Award. An individual or organization is eligible to nominate or apply for the award. Winners will have demonstrated a commitment to environmental stewardship that went beyond compliance with regulatory requirements. Benton County gives out two awards annually, one from each of the following categories:

1. Individual Award

Nominees are private citizens who have contributed significantly as individuals (not as paid employees) to the advancement and support of the county's environmental goals, particularly in the areas of improved air quality, water quality, energy savings, environmental health, healthy ecosystems, natural habitats and sustainable resources.

2. Organizational Award

Nominees are nonprofits, organizations or private businesses that have contributed significantly to the advancement and support of the county's environmental goals, particularly in the areas of improved air quality, water quality, energy savings, environmental health, healthy ecosystems, natural habitats and sustainable resources. This award may go to an organization as a whole, or to an individual within an organization whose environmental work is part of or an extension of his or her paid position.

Rules and Guidelines:

- Nominations must be submitted by September 14, 2018
- Nominee or someone representing the Nominee must be present at the EIAC Annual Meeting.
- EIAC members are not eligible for either award.
- Benton County employees and departments are not eligible for either award.
- No awardee shall be eligible to receive an award in subsequent years.
- The committee will solicit and review nominations for qualified Nominees.
 - The Committee will recommend up to two qualified nominations in each category to the Board of Commissioners.
 - The Board of Commissioners will select the winners.

Criteria:

To be considered for the award, individuals or organizations will have supported and advanced the environmental goals of the Benton County Sustainability Policy through their efforts. The policy mandates that the county "use, develop and protect our resources at a rate and in a manner that enables people to meet their current needs and also preserve resources for future generations." Actions toward these goals include: reducing adverse impacts on natural habitats and species; increasing the efficiency with which land, energy, water and other natural resources are used; reducing releases to air, water and land of substances harmful to human health. To read Benton County's Sustainability Policy, visit the website at <https://www.co.benton.or.us/cd/page/sustainability-policy>

Please fill out the information below and mail or deliver to:

Benton Co. Public Works
360 SW Avery Ave.
Corvallis, OR 97333

Or send email to: Laurie.Starha@Co.Benton.OR.US

2018 Benton County Environmental Award Nomination Form

Please check one: Individual Organization

Nominee (Individual or Organization) _____

Contact _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Nominated by (Individual or Organization) _____

Contact _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Directions: To be considered for the award, individuals or organizations must complete above nomination form, provide a narrative detailed below, submit minimum of 2 pictures, and have a representative at the EIAC Annual Meeting.

Narrative: Using a maximum of **four** pages, briefly describe why the individual or organization nominee should be awarded the Benton County Environmental Award (*see Content below*). Supporting materials such as letters, news clippings, photographs, printed materials and other helpful items may be submitted as a separate document.

Content: Briefly describe how the individual or organization(s) nominee support and advanced the environmental goals of the Benton County Sustainability Policy through their efforts to “use, develop and protect our resources at a rate and in a manner that enables people to meet their current needs and also preserve resources for future generations.” Include:

1. Description of nominee’s contribution to enhanced environmental conditions within Benton County.
2. Description of implemented environmental projects, practices or plans with tangible results.
3. Description of leadership nominee provided in improving the environment in Benton County
4. Description of nominee’s support lent to the County Sustainability Policy through their efforts, particularly in the areas of improved air quality, water quality, energy savings, environmental health, healthy ecosystems, natural habitats and sustainable resources. Visit Benton County’s Sustainability Policy at <https://www.co.benton.or.us/cd/page/sustainability-policy>
5. Description of how nominee’s contribution is special or in some way noteworthy beyond the other nominees for this award.

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