

2018 Governor's Award For Environmental Excellence

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Maine DEP and Governor Paul R. LePage invite you to participate in our annual Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence. These awards honor businesses, non-profit organizations, public entities and new ventures for their extraordinary efforts to protect and improve Maine's environment.

We are seeking to recognize applicants with projects and programs born from innovation and collaboration that have resulted in measurable environmental and economic benefits. Successful candidates will be those who are solving environmental challenges through constructive and creative solutions that go beyond standard techniques or regulatory compliance requirements.

Award Categories

- Innovation
- Sustainability
- Environmental Stewardship

Selection Criteria

Points will be given in each of the achievement criteria listed in the application and the following:

- Compliance history
- Significant measurable impacts
- Improvements & environmental benefits
- Social, local and regional impacts

How to Apply

Please visit our [webpage](#) to download the application.

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Important Dates

- Applications Due - **October 5, 2018**
- Winners Notified - **October 26, 2018**
- Awards Ceremony - **November, 2018**

Past Recipients Include

Meadowmere Resort a DEP certified Environmental Leader, won for installing a 48 panel solar hot water system which at peak provides 70 percent of their energy, implementing a property-wide program, and creating a full time position to manage their sustainability initiatives.

Leonard Greenhalgh purchased a former Granite Quarry in 1986. For the past 30 years, almost entirely at his own expense, he worked to restore coastal wetlands that had been filled in by granite tailings averaging 30 feet deep, and he has been doing it in a way that maximizes positive impact on the Maine economy. The restored 86-acre coastal property is an example of what dedicated citizens can do to restore and enhance Maine's landscape.

Stonyvale Farm and Agri-Energy won for installing an anaerobic digestion system. This system treats waste produced by 1000 dairy cows and turns it into electricity which is fed back into the power grid. Stonyvale also conducts educational outreach for young people to learn about the future of farming, recycling, an innovative solutions.

INCON engineers in Saco, Maine won for creating and patenting the first and only effective monitoring system for circuit breakers that detects leaks of Sulfur-Hexa-Fluoride (SF6). SF6 the most potent of all greenhouse gases which is used in large circuit breakers throughout the world.

Allagash Brewery won for its wholehearted commitment to environmental responsibility and stewardship by implementing a green approach to waste reduction and diversion strategies and by significant investments to its business model through creation of a

