



2022 ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Nominations are now being accepted for the following awards:

Charles E. Bennett Champion of the Environment Award

Christi P. Veleta Environmental Award

Environmental Achievement Awards in the following categories:

Individual

Government / Institutional

Community / Civic

Business

(more than 50 employees and/or annual sales of more than \$5 million)

Small Business

(fewer than 50 employees and/or annual sales of \$5 million or less)

Deadline for Nominations: August 19, 2022

Annual Environmental Excellence Awards

This nomination packet is for any of the following awards. Please review the categories and select the award you believe best recognizes the individual or entity being nominated.

The **Charles E. Bennett Champion of the Environment Award** seeks to highlight and acknowledge an individual who has exhibited, over a long-term, professionalism, diligence and an unwavering commitment as a Champion of the Environment in protecting or preserving the natural resources of Duval County.

Past Winners include:

Congressman Charles Bennett

Neil Armingeon - St Johns Riverkeeper

Robert Schuster - EPB

Barbara Broward

Barbara Goodman

Tracey Arpen

Mayor John Delaney

Linda Bremer - Sierra Club

Mark Middlebrook - Preservation Project

Richard Maguire

William Brinton

Dr. Lucinda B. Sonnenberg, PhD

Walt Bussells - JEA

Dr. Todd Stack - EPB

Sen. John Thrasher

Warren Anderson

John Crescimbeni

The **Christi P. Veleta Environmental Award** seeks to highlight and acknowledge an individual who has exhibited, over a long-term, environmental stewardship, displayed superior environmental initiative, and consistently promotes environmental education and outreach. The inaugural Christi P. Veleta Environmental Award was presented to Ms. Veleta at the 2010 Environmental Symposium.

Past Winners include:

2010 – Christi P. Veleta

2013—Ron Littlepage

2016—Lucy Giardino Cortese

2019 - Mark Mummaw

2011 – Mark Middlebrook

2014 — Dr. Quinton White

2017—Sarah Boren

2021 - Anna Dooley

2012—Kevin Songer

2015 - Felicia Boyd

2018—Jimmy Orth

Environmental Achievement Awards seek to recognize individuals and organizations in several public and private sectors for their contributions to environmental protection. Nominations are accepted for activities currently in progress, completed within the past year or will be started before 12/31/2022. Award categories are as follows:

Individual

This award seeks to highlight the accomplishments of an individual who has demonstrated leadership, creativity and commitment in support of the environment.

Government/Institutional

This award seeks to highlight the accomplishments of public sector organizations or educational institutions who have demonstrated leadership, creativity and commitment in support of the environment.

Community / Civic

This award seeks to highlight the accomplishments of nonprofit, civic or social groups, neighborhood associations, etc. which have demonstrated leadership, creativity and commitment in support of the environment.

Business

This award seeks to highlight the accomplishments of business entities, with more than 50 employees and/or annual sales of more than \$5 million, who have demonstrated leadership, creativity and commitment in support of the environment.

Small Business

This award seeks to highlight the accomplishments of companies with fewer than 50 employees and/or sales less than \$5 million annually who have demonstrated leadership, creativity and commitment in support of the environment.

Nominations Deadline: All nominations must be received on, or before August 19, 2022.

Award Criteria

The Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board annually recognizes individuals who have steadfastly put forth efforts to preserve, protect and enhance the environment and thus, improve the quality of life for all residents. The selected individual(s) will have demonstrated professionalism, principle, conviction and commitment in protecting the environment and promoting sustainable practices. The JEPB will consider, but won't be limited to, the following criteria:

Environmental Initiative or Cause: The activities addressed a specific environmental need or improved environmental conditions.

Commitment: Activities can be sustained over time; funding is in place

Partnerships/Community Awareness: Activities reached out to partners and the community to increase the overall impact and awareness of environmental issues.

Evidence of Impact: There are specific, measurable benefits from the efforts and demonstration of how available resources were used to achieve an environmental impact.

Announcement of Winners

The winners will be announced in October at the annual Environmental Symposium and will be recognized at a separate luncheon event to be held Wednesday, November 16, 2022. Winners and the public will be notified in advance of the event.

Application Process and Judging

Judging, by members of the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board, will be based entirely on the entry provided, including supporting information. The judges reserve the right to not select a recipient in any of the award categories. Self-nominations are permissible. All nominations will be evaluated based on the information provided.

All Environmental Achievement Awards are open to any individual(s), project(s) or program(s) whose actions impacted Duval County. The application process is as follows:

- Nominations should be submitted for only one category, however committee members reserve the right to consider nominees in other categories.
- **Electronic submissions as one document are required.** They should be limited to 10Mb in size in order to ensure delivery. Inclusion of videos and/or other visuals (PPTs, Prezi, etc.), podcasts, etc. are welcomed and can be made using Dropbox, Google Docs (or other similar site) or links to a WWW site. These items will not count against the 10Mb limit.
- **Nominations are due electronically by 11:59 PM EST on August 19, 2022.**
- The enclosed cover sheet **is required** for each award nomination submitted.
- A 1,200-word or less summary narrative **is required**. It should describe the nomination in detail and consider how the project/entity meets the award criteria. Judges will look specifically for information pertaining to the following questions:
 - 1) What environmental need within the community or organization did the nominee address?
 - 2) What kind of solution did the nominee develop to address the identified need? Describe any creative, unique or innovative aspects of the initiative, particularly any special challenges overcome as part of the implementation.
 - 3) What effect or impact did the nominee have on the environment? (Base your answer on environmental benefits related to community awareness, environmental quality, the local economy, the public, technical contributions, etc.)
 - 4) What specific examples, data, or other evidence demonstrates the environmental effect or impact described above?
 - 5) What other pertinent information about this nominee would you like the judges to consider?
- External validation, in the form of two endorsement letters from stakeholders or community participants describing the positive value and outcomes of the nominee **is strongly encouraged**.

Please submit all inquiries and nominations to the following address: epb@coj.net