



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD

2016 NOMINATION FORM

GETTYSBURG ADAMS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber's Environmental Committee is currently seeking nominations for this year's environmental stewardship award. This is the 17 year for the Chamber to present this award. Area businesses, industries or organizations that have implemented programs or projects that have had a positive environmental impact on the Adams County Area, are encouraged to submit a nomination form. Assistance with the submittal is available upon request by contacting the chamber office.

Please help the Environmental Committee by returning your nomination by Friday, April 8, 2016. The award will be presented at the chamber's May 10 General Membership Breakfast.

Please contact the chamber staff if you have any questions, 717.334.8151.

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Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce

The Award

Awards will be presented at the Chamber's May 10 General Membership Breakfast at the Hanover Country Club in Abbottstown. The award recipient will be publicly recognized.

Timetable

Final Submission for Nomination Forms:	April 8, 2016
Award Ceremony:	May 10, 2016

Eligibility

Any business, industry or organization located or operating within Adams County may apply for the award.

Award Criteria

Awards will be given to the applicants that in the opinion of the chamber's Environmental Committee are most deserving of recognition. All finalists will receive a Certificate of Achievement that will be mailed to them after the award ceremonies.

Environmental Committee

The Environmental Committee will review and evaluate all applications based upon the program criteria provided. The committee will base their selection on the written application. All applications will be treated as confidential. Applicants are not expected to provide or to reveal proprietary information.

Application Instructions

Please fill out this form and send the completed application to:

Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce
1382 Biglerville Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325
OR info@gettysburg-chamber.org

For more information, please contact the chamber office by phone at 717.334.8151 or by email at info@gettysburg-chamber.org.

**Application
2016 Environmental Stewardship Award**

Business, Industry or Organization:

Street Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Name of Submitter _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Total number of facilities covered by this application (if applicable) _____

Total number of employees and/or members _____

Description of Products, Services or Mission _____

Topics below are categories of environmental programs that businesses, municipalities, institutions and organizations may find helpful when completing the Environmental Stewardship Award application. These are just some examples of focus areas where applicant has implemented beneficial programs. There may be others not listed below:

- Energy Conservation/Alternative Energy Generation
- Water Conservation
- Stormwater Management
- Recycling Program
- Watershed Preservation
- Landscaping/Enhancing of Natural Cover
- Reduced Pollution (Air, Land, Water)
- Waste Reduction / Reuse
- Environmental Management Program
- Material Substitution
- Educational Program
- Land Use Conservation

For completeness, when filling out this form please respond to each number item (i.e., 1-10). If a question is not applicable or has not been considered at the present time, then acknowledge this.

The Environmental Committee will select an application on a competitive basis using the following Program Criteria:

1. What program(s) or project(s) have been implemented by your organization that have had a positive environmental impact for the Adams County Area?
2. How do you measure or evaluate how well the project meets its goals and objectives? Please provide factual documentation in terms of environmental benefits derived, the number of people affected, and resources conserved. Documentation may include annual reports, summaries, project records, newspaper clippings, award announcements, trade journal, newsletter articles, written statements or professional reports. Goal and objective-measures should be both qualitative and quantitative.
3. What levels of management, employees or volunteers in your organization are involved in planning and implementation of this project?
4. What are the specific environmental problem(s) the project addresses and what are their significance?
5. How do you assure that the project's activities do not exhaust or degrade the environment in your community or shift the problem to another part of the environment?
6. How does the environmental solution proposed by the project lead to long-term economic vitality? For example, does your project include more sustainable uses of natural resources, or a reduced consumption of non-renewable resources?
7. Are your program(s) or project(s) useful as models for other organizations? What have you done to share your innovations?
8. Describe how you plan to continue this work or how this project will evolve into other efforts.
9. How has your organization incorporated environmental principles and standards into its mission/vision statement, policies or larger goals/philosophy?
10. What are your business's or organization's long and short term plans for implementing its environmental philosophies?

Applications will be ranked according to how well they address and integrate the Program Criteria. A higher ranking will be given to those applications that *clearly and comprehensively* meet and integrate the greatest number of criteria, address environmental problems or provide better environmental management practices, and are thus likely to produce successful results.

If a proposal does not address these criteria, the applicant must clearly state why these criteria were not addressed.