

The Chamber of Gettysburg & Adams County
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD

The Award

Award will be presented at The Chamber's Awards Reception at The Barn at the Inn at Herr Ridge on Wednesday, May 7 from 4-6 p.m. The recipient will be publicly recognized.

Timetable

Final Submission for Nomination Forms:	April 1, 2025
Award Ceremony:	May 7, 2025

Eligibility

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

Award Criteria

The award will be given to the nominee that in the opinion of The Chamber's Awards Committee is most deserving of recognition. Nominations will be evaluated according to the program criteria contributing to the Gettysburg-Adams County area business climate.

Award Selection

The Chamber's awards committee will review and evaluate all nominations based upon the criteria provided by the nominated business/organization. Selection will be based on the brief written narrative provided by the nominator and supporting evidence provided by the nominee. Nominations submitted are not required to provide or reveal proprietary information, though all information received will be treated as confidential.

Nomination Process

Please complete a detailed narrative outlining the award criteria above and submit to edithc@gettysburg-chamber.org or FAX 717.334.3368 before April 1, 2025.

2024 Environmental Stewardship Award Application

Business, Industry or Organization:

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Submitted by _____

Phone/Email _____

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

Total number of employees _____

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 awards 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.