



## 2023 DECAC Environmental Achievement Awards Nomination Form

The Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) biennial awards program recognizes individual and organizations that dedicate time to promote, preserve, and enhance Durham's natural environment, reduce greenhouse gases, and promote climate resiliency.

Please fill in the following information to nominate an individual and/or organization for the DECAC Environmental Achievement Awards to celebrate projects and achievements accomplished between January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

### Nominee Information

Name(s):

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

### Nominator Information

Name(s):

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

### Award Categories (please check up to three boxes)

- George A. Scott Stewardship Award:** This award is given to those whose efforts have helped maintain, protect, and preserve Durham's environment.
- Dr. J. Murray Speirs Restoration Award:** This award commends the work of those whose efforts have helped to restore the natural environment and support climate adaptation.
- Irene Kock Environmental Awareness Award:** This award is presented to those who foster effective communication, share knowledge, and exhibit leadership in helping others learn about the environment and climate change.
- Eric Krause Innovation Award:** This award is presented for forward-thinking and innovative efforts to encourage positive change through plans, policies, or initiatives related to enhancing the environment and building climate resilience.
- Jessica Markland Partnership Award:** This award recognizes the co-operative efforts of those who strive to enhance the environment and promote sustainability by building partnerships with public and community interests, and businesses.

- Evylin Stroud Lifetime Achievement Award:** This award recognizes individuals who continually dedicate themselves to protecting the environment and mitigating the impacts of climate change.
- John G. Goodwin Sustainable Group Award:** This award is presented to a group that has gone above and beyond to make a positive impact on the environment through education and/or stewardship. A group could include a formal organization, such as a school, business, or club, as well as an informal group, such as neighbours or community members.
- Lois James Youth Leadership Award:** This award recognizes an elementary or secondary school student who has made a contribution to the protection of Durham's environment.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

1. Degree of innovation, originality, and/or pioneering.
2. Contributions promote leadership in protecting the environment and climate resiliency.
3. Size, scope, and impact of accomplishments.
4. Efforts promote educational opportunities and knowledge sharing.
5. Accomplishments influence positive change to the environment and climate adaptation, mitigation, and/or resiliency.
6. Short or long-term benefits to the environment.
7. Volunteerism vs Occupational.
8. Letters of support/reference – quality of what's written.

### **Nomination Package Requirements**

1. Completed nomination form (please complete and save this form to include as part of your nomination package).
2. Two-page (maximum) description that addresses the following (where applicable):
  - Brief biography of the individual or group, highlighting environmental activities.
  - What was/is the specific project or activity, and when was it completed?
  - What geographical area(s) was covered by the accomplishment?
  - How did your project reduce greenhouse gases?
  - What environmental need did the project address?
  - What effect/benefit did the nominee have on the environment or climate change (related to community awareness, environmental quality, technical contributions, etc.)?
  - What specific examples demonstrate the environmental impact?

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- Have the nominee(s) accomplishments had a long-lasting effect on the environment or on environmental education and public awareness?
  - Was this an original or pioneering effort in the field (particularly any challenges overcome as part of implementation and any outstanding creativity involved)?
  - How was the program financed?
  - Was the project occupational or voluntary? (i.e. was it completed as part of their work duties, or was it done voluntarily?)
  - What other information would you like the judges to consider?
  - You may also attach materials supporting this nomination (e.g. photographs, newsletters, brochures, newspaper excerpts, etc.).
3. At least one letter of support must accompany all nominations. This letter must be written by someone other than the nominator, and should explain the impact of the nominee's actions, the environmental significance and relevance in meeting a specific need. More than one letter is encouraged.
  4. Nominees must provide a brief (45-60 second) video describing their project or accomplishment. Videos will be included in the announcement video. Videos must be shared via an online downloadable link.

The deadline for submission is September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please direct any questions and your complete nomination package to [decac@durham.ca](mailto:decac@durham.ca).

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