

Henderson Eco Heroes Awards Program Guidelines



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1.0 PROGRAM GOALS

Through the annual Henderson Eco Heroes Awards Program, the Henderson County Environmental Advisory Committee will recognize individuals in Henderson County that demonstrate actions of sound environmental practice. The goals for the program are to honor these individuals who can serve as an example and inspire others to preserve the environmental health of the County. Our hope is that this award will provide opportunities to bring environmental awareness to new people and demonstrate that a healthy environment improves the quality of life for all people.

2.0 AWARDS DESCRIPTION

There are six potential Henderson Eco Heroes awards available annually that will recognize an individual for exhibiting actions of sound environmental practice. Each award will include a certificate presented annually by the Board of Commissioners at a Board of Commissioners meeting.

3.0 NOMINATING PROCEDURE

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone who lives or works in Henderson County, who go above and beyond to exhibit sound environmental practices. Individuals can not be nominated for activities for which they are employed.

WHO MAY NOMINATE: Any individual of Henderson County can nominate other individuals for this award.

WHEN TO NOMINATE: Nominations will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.

HOW TO NOMINATE: Nominations must be submitted through a Survey Monkey form on the Environmental Advisory Committee website. The award program will be advertised by Henderson County via press release, website and social media. The nomination form will ask:

- Nominator Name & Contact information
- Nominee Recipient Name & Contact Information
- Why are you nominating this person? What issues of sound environmental practice do they demonstrate? (Examples: recycling, reduction in consumption of resources or waste, reuse/repurpose materials, energy savings, improvements to environmental quality, etc). Why do you consider them a “Henderson Eco Hero”? (500 word maximum)

4.0 SELECTION

SELECTION COMMITTEE: The selection committee will include all members of the Henderson County Environmental Advisory Committee.

REVIEW FREQUENCY: Award nominations will be submitted by the liaison to the Environmental Advisory Committee during each EAC meeting. The selection committee will

review nominations at each EAC meeting and will make selections on an ongoing basis. Committee members nominated for an award will not participate in committee discussion or action on the nominations. Selections will be based on objective criteria reflecting the principles of sound environmental practices, the mission and goals of the EAC, and the potential for the award to inspire others who are not yet engaged in issues concerning the environment.

RECOMMENDATION AND SELECTION: Selections shall be made by majority vote of those present at the EAC meeting. The committee shall send its recommendations to the Chair of the Henderson County Board of Commissioners for approval. The Clerk to the Board will notify the EAC of approval, denial or need for additional information within 30 days of submission. If approved, EAC liaison will submit an agenda item for the next BOC meeting. The award will be presented at this BOC meeting or whenever deemed appropriate.

NOTIFICATION OF NOMINATOR: Anyone who makes a nomination will be notified when selections are made to the status of the nomination. This notification will be transmitted by the Chairman of the EAC as “awarded”, “Not awarded” or “additional information needed.”

NOTIFICATION OF NOMINEE: Those who are selected for the award will be notified immediately following the EAC meeting that confirms the selection(s). In addition, all other eligible people who are nominated, but were not selected, will be sent a letter of recognition immediately following the EAC meeting that confirms their eligibility.

5.0 AWARDS PRESENTATION

Award(s) will be presented by the BOC annually during a Spring or Fall BOC meeting. The EAC Chair may ask EAC members, special guests, and dignitaries to present the awards. The EAC Chair may contact the award winners to request their attendance. If an award recipient is unable to attend the awards ceremony, the award will be given directly to the award recipient either in person or through the mail.