Erie County Environmental Management Council Environmental Excellence Awards Program



The Erie County Environmental Management Council Environmental Excellence Awards Program recognizes exceptional projects carried out by municipal and non-profit organizations in Erie County that are likely to have a significant and lasting positive impact on the natural environment. The program is designed to showcase and promote projects that can be replicated in communities across Erie County and beyond.

If you represent a municipal government, institution, or non-profit organization in Erie County that has recently completed a project that has environmental benefits, we invite you to nominate your project for consideration in the 2024 Environmental Excellence Awards Program. Projects could be in the areas of Planning & Design, Land Use and Zoning, Natural Resource Protection, Air and Water Quality, Ecosystem Health, Energy and Transportation, Agriculture and Forestry, Solid Waste Management, Contaminated Sites, Community Action & Education, Climate Change or any other related subject area. Previous award winners can be viewed at <u>www.erie.gov/emc</u>.

Award applications are due by February 13, 2024. Applications are evaluated by a panel of reviewers from the EMC, with awards presented at a community recognition event in the evening on Earth Day – Monday April 22, 2024.

New this year: the EMC intends have short videos made about the award winner(s) to better promote the excellent work being done in our community.

Please address any questions to P. Josh Wilson at peter.wilson@erie.gov.



Erie County Environmental Management Council Environmental Excellence Awards Program Application Instructions

Eligibility Requirements:

- Project must have significant environmental impact
- Letter with contact information and description must be complete
- Application must be submitted to sustainability@erie.gov with the subject line: "EMC Award Application" and the name of project by February 13, 2024.

Application contents:

- 1. Please provide a cover letter with the following information:
 - Contact Name
 - Organization
 - Address
 - Phone
 - Email
 - Name and information of award recipient, if different from above
 - A summary of the project that is fewer than 100 words, which, if the project is selected, will be used in press releases, websites and potentially on the award itself.
- 2. Attach a project description of one page or less that includes:
 - The reasons why the project should be considered for an award;
 - The approximate amount of time spent (professional and volunteer); and
 - Cost of the project and sources of funding.
- 3. Attach any relevant materials or photos at least one image is required to be used on the EMC's website.

If your submission is an award winner, you will be notified via email by March 1, 2024.