



## Environmental Excellence Awards

The City of Woodbury Environmental Excellence Awards were developed in 2008 by the Woodbury Sustainability Committee, a citizens group formed by the City Council to promote sustainability in the community. The awards were established to recognize businesses, organizations, and individuals that are making Woodbury a more sustainable community through innovative programs and practices that demonstrate environmental leadership. The Environmental Excellence Awards are presented annually at the Business Town Meeting.

### Award Categories

- Green building (new construction)\*
- Green remodeling\*
- Waste reduction and recycling
- Water conservation
- Sustainable business practices
- Energy efficiency and conservation
- Use of renewable or alternative energy
- Environmental education and awareness
- Innovative storm water management practices
- Youth leadership (recognizing a group of young people or an individual under 18 years of age)

\* Green building and remodeling categories may include residential, commercial or institutional projects.

### Project Eligibility

1. Application deadline: March 26, 2010
2. Applications will first be reviewed for completeness and eligibility, and then judged on their merits.
3. Applications will be judged on individual merits and not weighted against other applicants.
4. Projects must be located in the City of Woodbury.
5. Nominated businesses, organizations, or individuals must operate/reside within the City of Woodbury.
6. The award program is open to businesses, non-profits, schools, and residents who may nominate themselves, or be nominated by another party.

### Evaluation criteria

Projects will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Benefits to the environment of Woodbury
- Level of commitment and leadership in sustainability
- Innovation
- Economic benefits
- Ability to serve as a model for others

\*\* Please note that projects that have already received an award may not be nominated in subsequent years.

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## Nomination Form

Award Category applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominee Information:

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|---|--|
| Contact Person:   |  |
| Organization Name:<br>(if applicable)   |  |
| Address:  |  |
| Phone:  |  |
| Fax:  |  |
| E-Mail:   |  |
| Organization Web site:<br>(if applicable)   |  |
| Name of the project, program, or activity (as you would like to see it on the award): |  |
| Project or program dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____                              |  |
| *Project must be complete by submittal date of application                            |  |

### Nominated By:

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Name:                    |  |
| Relationship to nominee: |  |
| Address:                 |  |
| Phone:                   |  |
| E-mail:                  |  |

**Please provide a brief summary of the project or program (150 words maximum).**

## Part II. Written description of the project

Please provide a written description of the nominated project or program, addressing the questions and evaluation criteria listed below (as appropriate). The description should not exceed two pages, and the text must be 10 point or larger.

### Questions

1. What motivated your organization or business to initiate the project or program?
2. What were the environmental goals and objectives?
3. How was the program implemented?
4. What did the program accomplish? (Include data demonstrating success, if available.)

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### How did you hear about the Environmental Excellence Awards?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodbury City Update newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodbury Chamber of Commerce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Woodbury Web Site       | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper: _____             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                    |   |

### Please drop-off, fax, or e-mail the nomination information by March 26, 2010 to:

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Sustainability Specialist  
City of Woodbury  
8301 Valley Creek Road  
Woodbury, MN 55125  
[jmcloughlin@ci.woodbury.mn.us](mailto:jmcloughlin@ci.woodbury.mn.us)  
Phone: 651-714-3522  
Fax: 651-714-3501

**Mailed applications must arrive at City Hall by March 26.**

## **Winners of the 2009 Environmental Excellence Awards**

### **Robert Engstrom Companies - Green Building**

Robert Engstrom Companies constructed the Michael Frome Academy, located at Radio Drive and Afton Road. The academy is a new charter school in Woodbury. The building features a solar-powered attic fan, energy efficient windows, in-floor radiant heat, additional wall insulation, Energy-Star appliances, and an air exchange unit that recycles 75 percent of the energy used, providing constant fresh air for students. The building was finished with paint, carpet and adhesives with "low" or "no" volatile organic compounds. The site design features a rain garden and many native plantings. Finally, the building was designed to easily adapt to different tenants if the school outgrows it in the future.

### **Crosswinds Arts & Science School - Environmental Education & Awareness**

The students and staff at Crosswinds Arts & Science School, located just west of the Tamarack Road interchange at I-494, worked with the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District, Minnesota DNR, and the City of Woodbury to install a rain garden. The installation of the garden reduced storm water runoff to Battle Creek Lake and eliminated slippery surfaces caused by standing water. The project also provided an educational experience for students, who started many of the native plants from seed and assisted with creation of the garden.

### **Pack & Mail - Waste Reduction and Recycling**

Pack & Mail has initiated a program that allows customers to bring in used packing material, such as packing peanuts, bubble wrap, Styrofoam, air pouches, and paper, for reuse. The business, located in Woodbury Village, also offers a shredding service for personal documents, biodegradable packing peanuts, and greeting cards made of 100 percent recycled paper. The store also belongs to the eCycle Group, a service that accepts empty printer cartridges and cell phones for recycling.

### **St. Croix Cleaners - Sustainable Business Practices**

St. Croix Cleaners built a new environmentally friendly facility that features modern, state-of-the-art equipment, in addition to replacing the perchloroethylene (PERC) solvent, a hazardous material, with an earth-friendly version. The conversion required a significant investment in special machinery, low-emissions dry cleaning machines, and energy efficient washers and gas dryers. After implementing all of these changes, St. Croix Cleaners is no longer on the Environmental Protection Agency's "Hazardous Waste Generator" list. The company operates at two locations in Woodbury: 9900 Valley Creek Road and 10075 City Walk Drive.

### **Tamarack Village Shopping Center - Energy Efficiency and Conservation**

Tamarack Village Shopping Center, under the direction of the Robert Muir Co., switched from neon to LED lighting, a considerably more energy efficient light. The process involved properly disposing of nearly 3,800 feet of neon tubing and rewiring for lower voltage. The change, though expensive, will ultimately pay off due to the economic and environmental benefits of LEDs which can last 100,000 hours and use less than half the electricity of neon. The shopping center is on Radio Drive, south of I-94.