

**1986
to 2006**

Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award Winners



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HISTORY OF THE GOVERNOR’S ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation’s Annual Stewardship Awards program began in 1995, although a major component of it, the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Hazardous Waste Management actually began in 1986 through a legislative mandate. Working through the commissioner’s office, the program’s leader, Ernie Blankenship, along with many program partners, believed there was a need to publicly recognize the fine efforts of the many unsung volunteers, both individuals and organizations, who had participated in efforts to protect our state’s environmental quality, promote environmental education, and enhance the state’s natural beauty and quality of life. Hence, the program was initiated.

In an effort to encompass the entire spectrum of environmental and conservation efforts, 13 award categories were established at the beginning. Over the years the categories have changed names to better fit the type of nominations that were being received. The Governor’s Environmental Stewardship Awards is an ever-evolving awards program that will continue to change as our environmental and conservation efforts change.

1986 Stewardship Award Winners

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| Hazardous Waste Management Small | Diversified Printing Corp. – Dickson Eaton Corp. Axle Brake Division – Humboldt Carrier Air Conditioning Co. – McMinnville |
| Large | Cleo Inc. – Memphis |



1987 Stewardship Award Winners

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| Hazardous Waste Management Small | Rhone-Poulenc – Mt. Pleasant |
| Large | Nissan Motor Mfg., Corp. – Smyrna |



1988 Stewardship Award Winners

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| Hazardous Waste Management Small | Cleveland Pneumatic Co. – Tullahoma Bendix-Allied Signal – Knoxville |
| Large | Texas Instruments – Johnson City |



1989 Stewardship Award Winners

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| Hazardous Waste Management | |
| Small | Thomas Industries – Sparta |
| Large | TRW Ross Gear – Greenville |

1990 Stewardship Award Winners

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| Hazardous Waste Management | |
| Small | Emerson Electric – Paris |
| Large | Snap-On Tools – Elizabethton |

1991 Stewardship Award Winners

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| Hazardous Waste Management | |
| Small | Not Awarded |
| Large | Ball Zinc Products Division – Greenville Great Dane Trailers Tennessee, Inc. – Memphis |

1992 Stewardship Award Winners

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| Hazardous Waste Management | |
| Small | Whirlpool Corp – LaVergne Phillips Consumer Electronics Co. – Greenville |
| Large | Sunbeam-Oster Specialty Prods. – McMinnville |

1993 Stewardship Award Winners

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| Hazardous Waste Management | |
| Small | Not Awarded |
| Large | UNARCO Materials handling Co. – Springfield Schering-Plough HealthCare Prod. – Memphis |

1994 Stewardship Award Winners

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| Hazardous Waste Management | |
| Small | Siemens Ind., Automation Inc. – Johnson City |
| Large | Lodge Manufacturing Co. – South Pittsburg Amana Refrigeration Inc. – Fayetteville |

1995 Stewardship Award Winners

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| Agriculture & Forestry | Timberlands Division Central Region Westvaco Corporation |
| Local Civic Volunteer | Mr. Jim Robinson – Campbell County |
| Higher Education Internal External | Vanderbilt University Not Awarded |
| K-12 Environmental Awareness Small Medium Large Secondary | Bon DeCroft Elementary & Nature’s Way Montessori Alpha Elementary Cameron Middle & Boone’s Creek Middle Tennessee High School |
| Hazardous Waste Management Small Large | Advance Transformer Co. – Wartburg Bridgestone/Firestone – Morrison Robertshaw Controls – Knoxville |
| Lifetime Environmental/ Conservation | Mr. Edward F. Williams, III, P.E. – Memphis Mr. S. Leary Jones, P.E. – Nashville |
| Local Government | Town of Jonesborough Humphreys County 4-H |
| Industrial Pollution Prevention | Cooper Automotive of Wagner Lighting – Sevierville Johnson Controls, Inc. – Athens Plus Mark, Inc. – Greenville |

1996 STEWARDSHIP AWARD WINNERS

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| Agriculture & Forestry East Middle West | McMinn-Loudon Farmers Coop Tenneco Packaging Bob Whitworth, UTAES |
| Aquatic Resource Preservation Scientific Citizen | Not Awarded Not Awarded |
| Local Civic Volunteer East Middle West | Clean Kingsport Not Awarded Germantown Environmental Community Project |

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| Higher Education Internal External | University of Memphis – Ground Water Institute Not Awarded |
| K-12 Environmental Awareness East Middle West East Middle West East Middle West | Lonsdale Elementary & Love Chapel Elementary Oak Hill School Chimneyrock & Berclair Elementary & Dyersburg Primary John Sevier Middle William James Junior High Not Awarded Maryville High Not Awarded Germantown High wolf River/ W.E.T. Project |
| Hazardous Waste Management Small Large | Not Awarded E.I. Dupont de Nemours & Co. |
| Lifetime Environmental/ Conservation – Volunteer Professional | Not Awarded Dr. Edward Thackston – Vanderbilt University |
| Local Government East Middle West | Water Quality Forum/ 2 nd Creek Task Force Metro Nashville Greenways Commission Ground Water Quality Control Board for Shelby County |
| Natural Heritage Conservation East Middle West | Foothills Land Conservancy & Friends of North Chickamauga Creek Arnold Engineering Development Center & Scotts Gulf Committee Wolf River Conservancy |
| Service Industry/ Business | Excel of Tennessee Columbia Centennial Medical Center |
| Trail Development | Not Awarded |
| Industrial Pollution Prevention | M&M / Mars Philips Consumers Electronics |



1997 STEWARDSHIP AWARD WINNERS

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| Agriculture & Forestry – East Middle West | Clinch/Powell Watershed Protection Project Not Awarded Tenneco Packaging – Woodlands Division |
| Aquatic Resource Preservation – Scientific Citizen | Five Rivers R&D Council Partnership Boone Watershed Partnership |
| Local Civic Volunteer – East Middle West | Ijams Nature Center Kathy Dewein Haywood High School |
| Higher Education – Internal External | Belmont University UTAES - Knoxville |
| K-12 Environmental Awareness Elementary Schools Large Medium Small Middle Schools Large Medium Small High Schools Large Medium Small | Granberry & Sango Avoca & Sam Houston Alpha & Hickerson Inman Coffman Pi Beta Phi Centennial Hillwood Elizabethton |
| Hazardous Waste Management Small Large | Not Awarded Olin Corporation |
| Lifetime Environmental/ Conservation Volunteer Professional | Mr. Robert Brown Dr. Patrick Doyle - MTSU |
| Local Government East Middle West | Sevier Solid Waste Inc. Central TN Solid Waste Planning Board City of Germantown Env. Comm. |

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| Natural Heritage Conservation East Middle West | Flenniken Square Apartments Partnership Glenn Springs Holdings, Inc. Not Awarded |
| Service Industry/Business | Nashville Electric Service Renaissance Nashville Hotel |
| Greenways & Trails Greenways/Conservation East Middle West Trail Development Individual Regional | City of Maryville, Kingsport & Johnson City Rails to Trails in Ashland City Recreation/Parks Department of Jackson Robert Brown Cumberland Trail Conference |
| Industrial Pollution Prevention East Middle West | DuPont & General Shale Products Corp. Bridgestone/Firestone Tenneco Packaging |



1999 STEWARDSHIP AWARD WINNERS

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| Agriculture & Forestry East Middle West | Gail & Jim Harris Farm Lincoln Farmers Co-op Hayden Miles - UTAES |
| Aquatic Resource Preservation Scientific Citizen | Center for Field Biology - APSU Boone Watershed Partnership |
| Local Civic Volunteer | Janet Clark – Bristol Frank Sanders – Winchester |
| Higher Education Internal External | Not Awarded Center for Field Biology - APSU |

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| <p>K-12 Environmental Awareness</p> <p>Elementary Schools</p> <p>Large</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Small</p> <p>Middle Schools</p> <p>Large</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Small</p> <p>High Schools</p> <p>Large</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Small</p> | <p>Granberry & Stuart-Burns/Burns & A.L. Lotts</p> <p>Highland Park & Westwood</p> <p>Love Chapel & Tennessee Ridge</p> <p>Cameron & Prescott Central</p> <p>Sequatchie County</p> <p>Camp Creek & MacDonald/Mohawk & E.E. Jeter</p> <p>Centennial</p> <p>Not Awarded</p> <p>Sequatchie & Sweetwater</p> |
| <p>Hazardous Waste Management</p> <p>Small</p> <p>Large</p> | <p>Bridgestone/Firestone - Morrison</p> <p>Fort Campbell – Pollution Prevention Center</p> |
| <p>Lifetime Environmental/ Conservation</p> <p>Volunteer</p> <p>Professional</p> | <p>Evan Means – Oak Ridge</p> <p>Gary Myers – TWRA</p> |
| <p>Local Government</p> | <p>Scenic Cities Beautiful Commission – Chattanooga</p> <p>City of Cleveland</p> <p>Williamson County</p> <p>City of Memphis – Division of Public Works</p> |
| <p>Natural Heritage Conservation</p> <p>East</p> <p>Statewide</p> <p>Land Donations</p> | <p>Steele Creek Parks Nature Center</p> <p>Bridgestone/Firestone – Nashville</p> <p>J&M Huber Corporation</p> |
| <p>Service Industry/Business</p> | <p>Waste Reduction & Recycling, Inc. – Maryville</p> <p>Black & Decker, Inc. – Nashville</p> <p>Sheraton Music City Hotel – Nashville</p> |
| <p>Greenways & Trails</p> <p>Greenways/Conservation Trail Development</p> <p>Individual</p> <p>Regional</p> | <p>Bowater Pocket Wilderness Areas</p> <p>Ron Weber & Sam Powell</p> <p>City of Brentwood</p> |
| <p>Industrial Pollution Prevention</p> | <p>Bridgestone/Firestone – Morrison</p> <p>Tenneco Packaging</p> |



2000 STEWARDSHIP AWARD WINNERS

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| Agriculture & Forestry | East View Farm Belvedere |
| Aquatic Resource Preservation Scientific Citizen | Upper Holston Watershed Team – TVA North Chickamauga Creek Conservancy Girls Scouts of Reelfoot Council Tennessee River Rescue Dorris & Sherri Sutton |
| Local Civic Volunteer | Martha Sundquist Fred Sandefer – Memphis Paris Council Garden Club Dr. Harry Houk – University of Memphis Jamie Marston – Lawrenceburg Waller Trust Acquisition |
| Higher Education Internal External | UT Chattanooga UT – CIS & UT – Chattanooga Creek Watershed |
| K-12 Environmental Awareness Elementary Schools Large Medium Small Middle Schools Large Medium Small High Schools Large Medium Small | Chimneyrock Elementary & Oak Elementary Fountain City & West Carroll Primary & Green Magnet Math/Science Natures Way Montessori & Oakmont Elementary & Pittard Campus Not Awarded Not Awarded Spalding School & McDonald School & Two Rivers Not Awarded Not Awarded Elizabethton High, F.C. Boyd Christian High, Hutchison Preparatory, McCallie High & Forrest High School |
| Hazardous Waste Management Small Large | Tennsco Corporation – Dickson Not Awarded |
| Lifetime Environmental/ Conservation Volunteer Professional | Dr. William & Liane Russell Earl Leming |
| Local Government | Marion County Roane County Recycling Center |

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| Natural Heritage Conservation | Westvaco Swan Conservation Trust USX Corporation/ U.S. Steel Group Marathon Ashland Petroleum |
| Service Industry/Business | Community Resource Center – Nashville Woodlake Golf & Lake Community – Tazewell |
| Greenways & Trails Greenways/Conservation | Linda Hixson Lyndhurst Foundation |
| Trial Development | Green Gold Conservancy Friends of Big Cypress Tree Natural Area |
| Industrial Pollution Prevention East Middle West | Bowater Newsprint Tennsco Corporation Buckeye Technologies – Memphis |



2001 STEWARDSHIP AWARD WINNERS

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| Agriculture & Forestry | Mr. Richard Spain – Greene County |
| Aquatic Resource Preservation – Scientific Citizen | Conservation Fisheries, Inc. – Knoxville Mr. Lewis Bumpas South Chickamauga Creek Greenway Alliance Cumberland River Compact – Nashville |
| Local Civic Volunteer | Jill Bader – Nashville Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Scott – Ooltewah Friends of South Cumberland Recreation Area YMCA Earth Services Corp. – Nashville/Middle Tennessee Mr. & Mrs. Steve Garr – Mt. Juliet |
| Commissioner’s Gold Star | Mr. Gary Barrigar – Elizabthton Ms. Pat Carpenter – Mohawk Ms. Sherrie Force – Nashville Mr. Dan Edmiston – Cordova Mr. Jeff Taylor - Franklin |
| Higher Education Internal External | Not Awarded The University of Tennessee Botany Department Vanderbilt Center for Environmental Management Studies |

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| K-12 Environmental Awareness Elementary Schools Middle Schools High Schools | St. Nicholas Elementary, Algood Elementary, Johnson Elementary, Granberry Elementary, Copper Ridge Elementary & Chimneyrock Elementary McDonald Middle School TSAP Club & Fairview Middle School Recycling Team Sevier County High School, Wartburg Central High School, F.C. Boyd Christian, Centennial High School & Forrest High School |
| Hazardous Waste Management Small Large | Tennsco Corporation – Dickson Eastman Chemical – Kingsport |
| Lifetime Environmental/Conservation Volunteer Professional | Mr. Donald Todd - Wartburg Mr. Douglas Clark – Winchester |
| Local Government | Memphis Light, Gas & Water Division |
| Natural Heritage Conservation | Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. Mr. Rex Boner - The Conservation Fund |
| Service Industry/Business | BP Amoco Oil Company |
| Greenways & Trails | City of Knoxville Mr. John Wilbanks – Pigeon Forge City of Collegedale City of Clarksville Volunteer Conservation Club – Dyersburg Cane Creek Lake & Park Project – Cookeville |
| Industrial Pollution Prevention | RTR Group Inc. dba/Duraglas Pools – Fayetteville General shale Products Corporation – Johnson City |



2002 STEWARDSHIP AWARD WINNERS

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| Agriculture & Forestry | Division of Forestry – State of Tennessee Shadow Nursery – Winchester Mr. Frank McGinley – Savannah |
| Aquatic Resource Preservation – | Steele Creek Park Nature Center – Bristol Dr. Alan McClure & BASF Corporation – Chattanooga Tennessee Department of Agriculture – Non-Point Source Program Coal Creek Watershed Foundation Harpeh River Watershed Association Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association |
| Local Civic Volunteer | Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy – (SAHC) Mr. Michael Claridy – Trousdale County 4-H Mrs. Linda Stephens – President Recycle Rutherford |

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| Commissioner's Gold Star | Dr. Julia Price – Morristown Ms. Lynne Harvey – Kingsport Ms. Twanella Majors – McMinnville |
| Higher Education Internal External | Not Awarded ETSU MTSU Center for Environmental Education |
| K-12 Environmental Awareness Elementary Schools Middle Schools High Schools | Alpha Intermediate, Granberry Elementary, Chimneyrock Elementary, St. Joseph Elementary & Maryville Intermediate McDonald, Fairview Middle School & Prescott Central Middle Centennial High, F.C. Boyd Christian, Sweetwater High, Sequoyah High & Clarksville/Montgomery County Schools |
| Hazardous Waste Management Small Large | Not Awarded Eastman Chemical – Kingsport |
| Lifetime Environmental/ Conservation Volunteer Professional | Mr. Sam Powell – Signal Mountain Mr. Mack Prichard – Division of State Parks Dr. David Etnier – The University of Tennessee |
| Local Government | City of Memphis Lewis County Campbell County Town of Walden |
| Natural Heritage Conservation | Mr. & Mrs. Glen Stallard – ALCOA Foundation U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service The Nature Conservancy of Tennessee |
| Service Industry/Business | Waves Recycle, Inc. – Franklin Auto Zone, Inc. – Statewide Hallsdale Powell Utility District – Knox County |
| Greenways & Trails | City of Kingsport City of Murfreesboro Germantown Parks & Recreation Department Mr. & Mrs. John Donnelly – Crossville Mr. Jim Schroeder – Cumberland Trail |
| Industrial Pollution Prevention | Limberly/Clark – Loudon Densco Manufacturing – Maryville Glenn Springs Holding Company – Columbia Ft. Campbell Pollution Prevention Center |



2003 STEWARDSHIP AWARD WINNERS

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| Agriculture & Forestry | Burkhart Family Dairy Farm – Blount County International Paper Company – Statewide Timberlands Mr. & Mrs. Charles Daugherty – Charlin Family Tree Farm – Crossville Cane Creek Watershed – Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District |
| Aquatic Resource Preservation | Overmountain Chapter Trout Unlimited Dry Creek Coal Remining Project – Sequatchie Valley Louisville Landing and Concord Marinas Mr. John Jenkinson - TVA |
| Local Civic Volunteer | Cumberland River Compact – Nashville TVA – Gallatin Fossil Plant Employees Mrs. Curtis Officer – Livingston The Late Richard Williams – ALCOA |
| Higher Education Internal External | Center for Excellence for Field Biology – APSU University of Tennessee – Botany Department Tennessee Environmental Education Association (TEEA) Tennessee Solid Waste Education Project (TNSWEP) |
| K-12 Environmental Awareness | Not Awarded |
| Hazardous Waste Management Small Large | Not Awarded Fort Campbell Pollution Prevention Center |
| Lifetime Environmental/ Conservation Volunteer Professional | Ms. Shirley Caldwell-Patterson – Nashville Dr. Elsie Quarterman – Vanderbilt University |
| Local Government | City of Germantown Environmental Commission Metro Nashville – Stormwater Quality Management Program |
| Natural Heritage Conservation | Dr. Brian Coles – Division of Natural Heritage The Weyerhaeuser Company – Timberland Division Mr. & Mrs. Carter Patten – Chattanooga The Hurricane Mountain Conservancy – Blount County Mr. Dennis Horn – Tullahoma Dr. William Redmond – TVA’s Natural Heritage Program |
| Service Industry/Business | Target Corporation – Statewide Tennessee Department of Transportation – Statewide The Knoxville News – Sentinel The Federal Correctional Institution at Memphis |

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| Greenways & Trails | Mrs. Eileen Cowen – Lagrange City of Tullahoma Trust for Public Land The City of Collegedale & Norfolk & Southern Railroad |
| Industrial Pollution Prevention | Saturn Corporation – Spring Hill Five Rivers Industrial Complex – Greenville |



2004 STEWARDSHIP AWARD WINNERS

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| Agriculture & Forestry | John P. Davis, Jr. – Blount County |
| Aquatic Resource Preservation Citizens Scientific | The Harpeth River Watershed Association Little River Watershed Association The Nature Conservancy & Partners Hatchie River Project |
| Civic Volunteer | Mr. Jerry Wilde – Pigeon River The Dyer County Association of Tennessee Master Gardners |
| Higher Education | Not Awarded |
| Green Schools Clean Air Energy Conservation Hazardous Chemicals Mgt. Land & Water Conservation Solid Waste Reduction | Andrew Johnson Elementary Centennial High School Campbell County High School Centennial High School Granbery Elementary |
| Hazardous Waste Management Small Large | Not Awarded Fort Campbell Pollution Prevention Center |
| Robert Sparks Walker Lifetime Environmental/ Conservation Volunteer Professional | Ann Tidwell – Nashville Dr. Jim L. Byford – The University of Tennessee @ Martin |
| Local Government | Fort Campbell Military Installation Panther Creek State Park |
| Natural Heritage Conservation | Coffee County Joint Industrial Park |
| Service Industry/Business | 5R Processors Ltd. – Clinton Valley Proteins, Inc. – Knoxville |
| Greenways & Trails Individual Local Community Trails | Mr. William Fronk – Hamilton County The Town of Erwin Panther Creek State Park/Hamblen Keep America Beautiful |

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| Tennessee Energy Leadership | Delta Faucet Company of Jackson Memphis Light, Gas & Water Department |
| Industrial Pollution Prevention | Tennessee Koyo Steering Systems Co. – Monroe County |



2005 STEWARDSHIP AWARD WINNERS

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| Agriculture & Forestry | Tennessee Partners Project, Jackson |
| Aquatic Resource Preservation | Panther Creek State Park, Morristown |
| Higher Education | Nashville State Community College University of Tennessee, Knoxville Vanderbilt University University of Tennessee, Knoxville University of Tennessee, Knoxville |
| Recycle | |
| Reduce | |
| Reuse | |
| Green Schools | Huntingdon Primary School, Carroll County McDonald School, Greene County Red Bank Middle School, Hamilton County Centennial High School, Williamson County Cumberland County High School, Cumberland County |
| Clean Air | |
| Energy Conservation | |
| Hazardous Chemicals Management/ Reduction | |
| Land & Water Conservation | |
| Solid Waste Reduction | |
| Hazardous Waste Management | Portion Pac Inc., Nashville Olin Chlor Alkali Inc., Charleston Volvo Penta Marine LLC, Lexington |
| Small | |
| Large | |
| Robert Sparks Walker Lifetime Achievement | Gary Myers, Nashville |
| Parks and Recreation | Randall B. Whitworth, Henry Horton State Park, Chapel Hill |
| Natural Heritage Conservation | The Tennessee Nature Conservancy |
| Environmental Education and Outreach | Knoxville/Knox County Community Action Commission (CAC) AmeriCorps |
| Greenways Stewardship | Metro Nashville Greenways Program, Nashville, |
| Energy Leadership | TVA Green Power Switch and Generation Partners |
| Pollution Prevention | Valley Proteins LLC, Knoxville |



2006 STEWARDSHIP AWARD WINNERS

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| Agriculture & Forestry | University of Tennessee Forest Resources Center's Horneyhead Creek Restoration – Morgan County |
| Aquatic Resource Preservation | Red River Watershed Association's Visual Stream Assessments of Impaired Streams – Montgomery, Robertson and Sumner Counties |
| Building Green | Cumberland River Compact's Building Outside the Box (BOB) – Nashville |
| Energy Leadership | Panther Creek State Park's Energy Conservation program – Morristown |
| Greenways and Trails | City of Cookeville's Tennessee Central Heritage Trail – Putnam County |
| Environmental Education and Outreach | Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont – Townsend |
| Green Schools – K-12 Higher Education | Huntingdon Primary School "Cash for Trash" – Huntingdon Rhodes College Bike Program – Memphis |
| Hazardous Waste Management – Small Large | Hamilton County School Chemical Cleanout Campaign – Chattanooga Fort Campbell's Pollution Prevention Operation Center – Fort Campbell, KY/TN |
| Robert Sparks Walker Lifetime Achievement | Virginia "Happy" Birdsong |
| Natural Heritage Conservation | Stones River National Battlefield Restoration – Murfreesboro |
| Parks and Recreation | Native Butterfly Garden at Burgess Falls State Park – Putnam/White County |
| Pollution Prevention | Vanderbilt University's Workplace Commuters Project – Nashville |

Note: Greenways Stewardship changed to Greenways and Trails; new category added "Building Green"; the Green Schools category was condensed to included a winner from K-12 and a winner from Higher Education (all other sub-categories were removed).