

TCEQ congratulates 2015 Texas Environmental Excellence Awards winners

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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality today announced the winners of the 23rd annual Texas Environmental Excellence Awards. These prestigious awards bring attention to the most innovative and effective projects that strive to protect the state's natural resources.

Among this year's honorees are:

- An organization that has focused on replanting millions of loblolly pines primarily on private land in the aftermath of the Bastrop County fires.
- An escape that allows chronically ill and special needs children a chance to learn from and experience the beauty of Texas.
- A city with a creative and effective strategy to help their residents conserve water.
- An Eagle Scout whose project helped revitalize the landscape of a school in East Austin.
- A company whose chemical recovery process has saved hundreds of thousands of pounds of waste and reduced air emissions.
- A manufacturer whose energy efficiency projects are establishing a new standard for the industry.
- A Texas-grown company whose conservation projects result in natural resource savings across the state.
- Two winners recognized for contributions to water conservation and land and watershed health by establishing and promoting best management practices in ranching and agriculture.

"Awarding these winners is an honor I look forward to each year," said TCEQ Chairman Bryan W.

Shaw, Ph.D., P.E. "Calling attention to the individual efforts they make to better our environment is a privilege."

"It never ceases to amaze me the level of ingenuity shown by these winners," says Commissioner Toby Baker. "These recipients are a testament to what can be accomplished to protect our natural resources."

"As evident by this diverse group of deserving honorees, no matter if you are one individual or a large corporation, we all can do our part to take care of Texas, " said Commissioner Zak Covar.

This year's winners will be recognized at a banquet held in their honor on May 6, 2015, as part of the TCEQ's Environmental Trade Fair and Conference at the Austin Convention Center, May 5-6. For more information [visit the TEEA website](#).

2015 Texas Environmental Excellence Award Winners

AGRICULTURE

Dixon Water Foundation; Presidio, Wise, and Parker Counties

Texas Alliance for Water Conservation, Lubbock

CIVIC/COMMUNITY

TreeFolks, Bastrop

EDUCATION

Variety's Peaceable Kingdom Retreat for Children, Killeen

INNOVATIVE OPERATIONS/MANAGEMENT

H-E-B, Statewide

POLLUTION PREVENTION

Nucor Steel-Texas, Jewett

TECHNICAL/TECHNOLOGY

Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, Orange

WATER CONSERVATION

City of Frisco, Frisco

YOUTH

Riley Sanders, Austin