

KY DEP ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

2017 Award Winners

Environmental Pacesetter

L'Oréal USA Mfg.

“Sharing Beauty With All” is L'Oréal's global commitment to sustainable, responsible, inclusive growth. As part of this commitment, L'Oréal USA Mfg. in Florence began operating their new solar array in early 2017. L'Oréal has projected this new 4,140 paneled solar array will help reduce their environmental impact by cutting carbon dioxide emissions by approximately 1,195 metric tons per year. This cut is equivalent to eliminating over 2.8 million miles traveled by passenger cars per year. This solar array is an innovate step which is expected to produce more than 50 million kilowatt hours of renewable energy over the next 30 years.

Resource Caretaker

Maker's Mark Distillery's Environmental Team

In the winter of 2016-17, Maker's Mark Distillery's Environmental Team completed the first stage of developing a water sanctuary around the headwaters of Bourbon Lake. The purpose of the sanctuary is to increase groundwater infiltration, reduce erosion and increase species diversity. Due to the area being inundated with a near monoculture of eastern red cedar, the existing cedars were thinned so a variety of tree species could be planted. Over nearly 40 acres, a total of 1,100 trees were planted along with native grasses and wildflowers. This diversity of plant species will significantly improve the habitat for a variety of wildlife and insects.

KY EXCEL Champion

Sekisui S-Lec America, LLC (SSA)

SSA is committed to contributing to society and the environment through its business activities. As part of this commitment, SSA independently coordinated a Zero Waste to Landfill meeting and facility tour for its KY EXCEL neighbors and upgraded to a KY EXCEL Master in 2017. In addition to being a member of KY EXCEL, SSA is certified as a Zero Waste to Landfill facility and is ISO 14077 certified. SSA promotes employee and community awareness by conducting an annual “Environmental Week”, participating in a variety of litter pickups and sponsoring an “Eco-Camp” for local 4th grade students.

Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection

