

KY DEP ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

2018 Award Winners

Environmental Pacesetter

Lincoln County Sanitation District

Lincoln Co. Sanitation District members are active participants in a watershed planning effort for the Hanging Fork Watershed. With the assistance of the Bluegrass Area Development District, the Lincoln County Sanitation District pursued and received multiple grants and loans to install a sanitary sewer line from Hustonville to Junction City. The new sewer line will capture about 600 un-sewered homes and significantly reduce threats to area streams, as well as increase the value of these homes and enable economic development along the US-127 corridor.

Community Environmental Luminary

Leggett & Platt, Inc.
Winchester Spring Branch 02

As a Partner-in-Education (PIE), Leggett & Platt's Winchester Spring Branch's Green Team donated 196.75 volunteer hours to help educate local students about recycling and preserving our environment. For the 2017-18 school year, they participated in seven Enrichment Fridays and shared 21 environmental-themed lessons with over 450 students at Justice Elementary. The Winchester Spring Branch has also sponsored learning programs and food outreach.

Resource Caretaker

Chris Barton, Ph.D.
Green Forest Works

As a Professor of Forestry Hydrology and Watershed Management at the University of Kentucky, Dr. Barton is at the forefront of research in reforestation of surface mined land in the Appalachian region. Beyond conducting scientific research, Dr. Barton helped found Green Forests Work (GFW), a nonprofit dedicated to reforesting surface mined land in Appalachia. Since 2009, GFW has planted over 2 million trees on over 3,200 acres of grassland-reclaimed mine land and engaged nearly 15,000 volunteers.

KY EXCEL Champion

Sekisui S-Lec
America, LLC
(SSA)

SSA embodies the spirit of KY EXCEL by constantly expanding their environmental leadership efforts. To help improve air quality, SSA converted an entire building to LEDs and installed an 814-kw solar array. These actions are projected to reduce SSA's annual CO2 emissions by 710 metric tons, which is the equivalent of taking 210 midsize cars off the road. Beyond the facility's walls, SAA actively participates in community events and volunteer activities, such as sponsoring the 2018 Reforest the Bluegrass event and working with Bluegrass Greensource to provide school-wide instruction on recycling for local children. Such actions resulted in SSA associates and their families completing 323 hours of volunteer activities in 2017 alone.

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