

Call for Nominations

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Environmental Partners will be accepting nominations on an annual rolling basis. All nominations received by June 30th will be considered for the current year's awards program. Any nominations received after June 30th will be considered for the following year's awards program.

Environmental Partnership Awards

Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award

Emerging Environmental Leader Award

The Partners host an event in October to honor the award recipients.

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**The Northeastern Pennsylvania Environmental
Partners are accepting nominations for the**

Environmental Partnership Awards
Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award
Emerging Environmental Leader Award

The regionally acclaimed Environmental Partnership Awards program pays tribute to those organizations and individuals in Northeastern Pennsylvania that have achieved environmental protection or conservation through partnering with others.

By presenting these awards, the Environmental Partners (Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, PPL Corporation, Procter & Gamble Paper Products Company, and Wilkes University) hope to encourage others in the community to emulate the methods and achievements of the honorees.

The Awards
A Brief History

The annual Environmental Partnership Awards were established in 1991, as an Earth Day project of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Environmental Partners. In the time since, they have become a highly coveted honor. Their intent now, as it was then, is to salute those who bring diverse groups and individuals together to solve problems of common interest and to recognize those who use partnering as their primary method to achieve environmental progress.

In 1995, the Partners established the Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award and presented it to Tom, posthumously. Mr. Shelburne was a highly respected community leader, who devoted himself, over four decades, to the protection and improvement of Pennsylvania's environment. Each year, this award honors an individual who, like Tom, has devoted a large part of his/her life to environmental protection, and who, over the long term, has proven to be an inspiring leader and a champion of partnering.

In 2012, the Partners established the Emerging Environmental Leader Award. This award honors a young adult who demonstrates environmental leadership, creativity, and dedication as well as inspires others to adopt similar actions to protect the environment.

The annual Evening for Northeastern Pennsylvania's Environment has grown from a small gathering on the Wilkes University Commons, to an event known statewide. Each year, the Evening brings together hundreds of people who share a strong and personal interest in the environment.

Who is eligible?

The Partnership Awards are open to any organization, individual, company, or project that has had a positive impact on the environment in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Nominees for the awards must be located within the following counties: Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Pike, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming.

We have honored individuals, groups, and projects involved in agriculture, forestry, business, industry, education, science, environmental awareness, community service, and government, among others.

Who may nominate?

Individuals, groups, businesses or organizations may nominate themselves or a third party can make nominations.

How are honorees selected?

This year's honorees will be selected by a distinguished panel of judges. The panel always includes representatives from the Partners, as well as other individuals with regional environmental interests, including past honorees.

In evaluating nominations, the judges consider the following:

- Number, quality, and effectiveness of partnerships formed to achieve goals;
- Overall quality of the application;
- Impact on the environment and quality of life;
- Extent to which nominee/project is above and beyond usual work expectations; and
- Extent to which activity serves as a model of partnering for others.

For the Shelburne Award, in addition to the eligibility guidelines listed above, the judges are seeking to honor an individual who has demonstrated inspiring leadership and partnering for greater than 20 years.

For the Emerging Environmental Leader Award, in addition to the eligibility guidelines listed above, the candidate must be between the ages of 14 and 22 and have demonstrated environmental leadership, creativity, and dedication to protecting and enhancing the environment.

To submit a nomination:

1. Complete the Awards Cover Sheet.
2. Prepare a nomination per the instructions using the Nomination Checklist.

Awards Nomination Cover Sheet

(Please type or print)

Nominee Information

Nominee: _____
(group, organization, individual, activity)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Nominator Information (if different)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

This is a nomination for (check only one):

- An Environmental Partnership Award:** a group, person, organization, or activity that has demonstrated excellence in environmental protection or conservation. The nominee must have demonstrated the quality of involving and working successfully in partnership with others.
- The Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award:** A person, who stands out in the community for his /her commitment to environmental quality, and who, for greater than 20 years, proven to be an inspiring environmental leader and champion of partnering.
- Emerging Environmental Leader Award:** A youth who demonstrates environmental leadership, creativity, dedication, and inspires others to adopt similar actions to protect the environment.

Note: to be considered, the nomination must include all the items listed on the checklist and should be mailed by June 30th to:

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council
175 Main Street
Luzerne, PA 18709
(P) 570-718-6507

* or faxed to 570-338-0977

* or emailed to avitkoski@pecpa.org

The undersigned hereby certify that all information contained in and submitted with this nomination is correct to the best of your knowledge.

Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Organization: _____ Signature: _____

Nomination Checklist

To be considered, a nomination must include the following items:

1. **COVER SHEET** – see previous page.
2. **SUMMARY** – Please provide no more than a **one-page** summary of the reason for the nomination.
3. **NOMINATION DETAIL** – No more than **two typed pages** (one page if printed on front and back). The font size should be 12. Include information about each of these key factors:
 - Describe in detail, the achievement of the nominee/project;
 - Number, quality, and effectiveness of the partnerships formed and how it attributed to the success of the activity;
 - Nature and extent of the positive impact on the environment and quality of life in the previously listed counties of Northeastern Pennsylvania;
 - Extent to which the nominee/project went beyond the normal expectations of his/her/its work;
 - Extent to which the activity can serve as a model of partnering for others; and
 - For a Shelburne nomination, add a section describing how the individual has, over the long term of 20+ years, demonstrated inspiring leadership and how he/she has championed partnering.
4. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** – Nomination packages should include 2 letters of support from partnering organizations. One additional attachment may be included (i.e. news article, brochure, chart and/or photograph).

NOTE: If you know of another group, organization, individual, or project that you feel should be nominated for these awards, please feel free to forward this information to them. **THANK YOU!**