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Boston announces Mayor's Green Awards winners

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Four Boston resident groups, 11 businesses and two sustainable food leaders were winners of the city's fifth-annual Mayor's Green Awards.

Each was recognized during a ceremony at the new, "green" Atlantic Wharf skyscraper on Friday for "doing their part to make Boston a greener, more sustainable, and livable city," said a city release.

"I continue to be impressed by the commitment and creativity of the businesses and residents who are working to green our city," Mayor Thomas M. Menino said in the announcement. "Each of these winners demonstrates every day how we can improve environmental quality while at the same time bringing growth and prosperity to our neighborhoods. Their examples prove that individual efforts can create real and lasting change in our environment."

The residential awards went to groups or individuals in Roslindale, the South End, Jamaica Plain and Beacon Hill, along with a special recognition from the Allston-Brighton area. The business awards went to four South Boston-based organizations, two from the West End, and one from Downtown, East Fenway, the North End, Roxbury and the South End. The food leader awards were claimed out of Charlestown and West Roxbury.

Below is a list from city officials of award categories and winners, along with a description of each:

Green Residential Award recipients

The Mayor's Green Residential Awards recognize residents and local organizations in Boston that are committed to sustainable living. Winners in this category demonstrate exemplary sustainable practices in their community and in their homes.

GreeningRozzie Organization "Roslindale

GreeningRozzie, recipient of the Climate Leader Award, is a resident-run community group dedicated to creating a cleaner and greener Roslindale through grassroots actions that include a variety of information and educational projects on renewable energy, home energy efficiency, waste reduction, water conservation and local food production. GreeningRozzie is leading the way in working with residents to sign up for the City's Renew Boston energy audit and weatherization program.

Mark and Etta Rosen "South End

The Green Roof award was given to Mark and Etta Rosen of the South End for the green roof

installed on their LEED-certified home. The roof helps to minimize the heat island effect, reduces cooling costs, increases the effectiveness of a rooftop solar panel and extends the life of the roof.

Andree Collier and Ken Ward, JP Greenhouse â€œ Jamaica Plain

The Green Home Conservation/Renovation Award was given to Andree Collier and Ken Ward for their multi-faceted renovation of a vacant store at 133 Bourne Street in Jamaica Plain. It serves as a demonstration home for sustainable living. The renovation includes passive solar design, super insulation, recycled materials, triple-glazed windows, a heat transfer ventilation system, and an air-to-water heat pump for hot water.

David Andrew Trust â€œ Beacon Hill

David Andrew Trust was the recipient of the Waste Reduction Award for the extensive re-use and recycling of deconstructed materials and demolition waste from the gut rehabilitation of a home on Beacon Hill. The Boston Materials Resource Center was the recipient of hardwood flooring, lighting and plumbing materials. Wood from framing and the building interior was chipped for use as a fuel source. These efforts reduced the amount of material sent to a landfill or incinerator.

Nancy Grilk, Special Recognition for Public and Personal Service to City of Boston/Environmental and Energy Services â€œ Allston/Brighton

Nancy Grilk has been a longstanding employee of City government, including 10 years of service in the Office of Environmental and Energy Services. In her years of service she has been dedicated to protecting and preserving Bostonâ€™s environmental quality and natural resources, worked on establishing a program for energy efficiency upgrades for residents, increased accessibility and education on the Boston Harbor islands, and championed programs that allow Bostonâ€™s youth to engage with the environmentâ€”to name just a few. In her personal life, Nancy volunteers in her Allston-Brighton neighborhood at a community garden and helps to organize Boston Shines events with her neighbors.

Green Business Award recipients

The Mayorâ€™s Green Business Awards recognizes local businesses in Boston that demonstrate extraordinary performance related to sustainable environmental practices. Businesses may apply in the categories of commercial, industrial, non-profit and academic, cultural and healthcare institutions.

A Better City â€œ Downtown

A Better City (ABC) works with the business community, civic organizations and government to advance significant transportation, land development and environmental policies, projects and initiatives. Through Boston Buying Power, ABC purchases wind renewable energy credits to offset 100% of its annual electricity usage. It also buys Carbon Offsets for 100% of employee commutes and other travel.

ADD, Inc. â€œ South Boston

ADD, Inc. is an architectural and design firm in the South Boston Seaport that offers sustainable design consulting services. It designed and renovated its offices to LEED Commercial Interiors standards, receiving Platinum certification. These new offices use 54% less energy than ADD Inc.â€™s prior offices. ADD Inc. has committed to the American Institute of Architects (AIA) 2030 Challenge which targets a 70% reduction in the fossil fuel energy consumption of buildings by 2015 and carbon-neutral buildings by 2030.

Blue Tierra Chocolate CafÃ© â€œ South Boston

As a new small business in South Boston, Blue Tierra has taken considerable steps toward sustainability. Blue Tierra is working with the Sustainable Business Leader Program and has conducted an energy audit. The café uses compostable to-go ware, cups, straws and napkins, and drinks in the café are served in reclaimed china. Dishes are cleaned using a heat-sanitizing dishwasher and only all-natural, chemical-free cleaning agents are used in the store.

Museum of Science “ Boston

An Environmental Sustainability and Green Building Committee at the Museum of Science has been established to reduce energy consumption and the museum’s environmental impact. An independent energy audit has been conducted and performance contracting has resulted in 17 Energy Conservation Measures (ECM) that are under development and installation. A program to increase employee and patron recycling has resulted in a reduction in 120 tons of waste in two years. Organics recycling increased by 37 tons during the same period.

Northeastern University “ East Fenway

Northeastern University in Boston’s East Fenway neighborhood has developed a multi-dimensional sustainability strategy, including a January 2010 Climate Action Plan and the identification of short and long-term plans leading to carbon neutrality. As a signatory to the American College and University President’s Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), Northeastern has committed to eliminating net greenhouse gas emissions from specified campus operations and to promoting the research and educational efforts of higher education to equip society to re-stabilize the earth’s climate.

Nutter McClennan and Fish “ South Boston

The South Boston Seaport law firm Nutter McClennan and Fish obtained an energy audit for its offices and instituted energy efficiency, water conservation and waste reduction strategies, including an annual audit of its waste stream. Nutter coordinates sustainability efforts with building management, has a designated sustainability officer, conducts bi-annual sustainability surveys and has created for employees a green policies and procedures manual.

Seaport Hotel “ South Boston

The Seaport Hotel and World Trade Center, a recipient of a Green Business Award in 2007, has expanded its commitment to sustainability. Renewable energy credits are purchased to offset the annual electricity used by all 428 guest rooms, 13 guest floors and 4 guest elevators at the hotel. The hotel is enrolled in DemandSMART, a program under which it agrees to reduce energy usage in order to prevent a brownout or blackout during a peak energy demand situation. In addition, the Seaport Hotel uses an industrial Eco Wiz composter that turns inedible foods, such as eggshells, and unfinished meals into a compost material for use in its gardens and by employees for home use.

Swap.com “ South End

This Boston-based company, located in the South End, uses its Web site, mobile app, local events, homes, schools and partnerships to internationally advance the swap movement, known as collaborative consumption. One million online Swap.com members have traded 10.7 million pounds of goods since early 2010. Offline fashion swap events keep wearable clothing in circulation with un-swapped clothes donated to Goodwill International.

Urban AdvenTours “ North End

Urban Adventours on the North End waterfront provides eight standard bike tours such as Bikes at Night and to areas such as Fenway Park and along Charles River to Boston Harbor. It rents

bicycles to residents and visitors, providing delivery when needed in a 1987 postal delivery van powered by recycled vegetable oil. Riders are given water in BPH bottles that are washed and reused. During the winter of 2010, Urban Adventours joined the Sustainable Business Leader program and conducted an energy audit of its facilities with NSTAR and National Grid.

Urban Edge Housing Corporation â€“ Roxbury

Since 1974, Urban Edge has worked to create and maintain healthy, affordable and vibrant communities in Roxbury, Jamaica Plain and surrounding neighborhoods. This Roxbury community development corporation has constructed new housing, renovated existing housing developments and preserved and redeveloped the historic former Egleston Power to LEED standards for use by Boston Neighborhood Network. Urban Edge has used photovoltaic solar panels, solar thermal hot water and a ground-source geothermal heating and cooling system in recent projects and continues to expand its commitment to sustainability.

ZeroEnergy Design â€“ West End

ZeroEnergy Design is a green architecture and mechanical design firm that works on new construction and major renovations of green home projects. It provides energy consulting & HVAC design to achieve exceptional energy performance. For full design projects, ZeroEnergy Design has committed to a minimum energy performance 50 percent better than code requirements. It has partnered with a consulting firm with expertise in environmental health, healthy housing, green building and indoor air quality to develop the Healthy Living Resident Engagement training to engage residents of multi-family affordable housing in energy conservation, water conservation, recycling and the minimization of allergens and toxics in the home.

2011 Sustainable Food Leader recipients

(A new category of the â€œMayorâ€™s Green Awardsâ€) The sustainable food awards were given to businesses that demonstrate extraordinary efforts to provide the freshest, local food in the most sustainable manner.

Boston Organics â€“ Charlestown

Boston Organics of Charlestown, winner of a Sustainable Food Leadership award, delivers fresh, organic, seasonal produce to households in and around Boston. Produce is procured as close to Boston as possible and can be delivered to your home or office. Boston Organics donates leftover produce to Food for Free.

The Rox Diner â€“ West Roxbury

The owners of the Rox Diner in West Roxbury are committed to buying local food, purchasing bread in Roslindale and muffins in West Roxbury. Produce is purchased at farmerâ€™s markets and Allandale Farm. Cooking oil is recycled through a local company that converts it to biofuel and part of the profits donated to local education.
