

Proposal Drafted by Diana Urlaub:

Village of Lombard's Leaders of Environmental Stewardship Awards

"Our shared vision for Lombard is a community of excellence exemplified by its government working together with residents and businesses to create a distinctive sense of spirit and an outstanding quality of life."

The Village of Lombard has been an environmental advocate for years and being a steward to our environment has become a core element of who we are. Over the years numerous environmental initiatives have been put into place: since 2008 we have had the rain barrel grant program, this year was our ___ annual Recycling Extravaganza, every year local schools receive grants for recycling education, and just this past May the Environmental Concerns Committee developed the first version of the Sustainability Framework which will comprehensively identify programs, accomplishments and goals in the areas of Air, Greenhouse Gasses, Water, Transportation, Land Use, Waste Diversion and Energy Use.

However, over the years it has not just been the village that has shown an interest and a concern for our environment; residents, businesses, and organizations have done so as well and deserve to be recognized. Therefore, in an effort to bring more environmental awareness to the community and recognition to these residents, businesses, and organizations the Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC) would like to organize an awards event to recognize those who are leading our community to a greener, more sustainable future.

We propose three eligible nominee categories: individuals such as residents, employees, or educators; businesses of all sizes; and organizations such as schools. The applications would have three criteria: their vision, their achievements and how their efforts benefit the community. Applicants could either be self-nominated or nominated by others.

Applications would be reviewed by the ECC and narrowed down to ___ finalists for each category. The final round of judging would take place at an event (open to the public) and each finalist would make a verbal presentation to the judges and audience on what makes them or their company/organization most deserving of this recognition. After the presentations the judges would determine the winners of each category and Village President Bill Mueller would present them with their award.