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*Jim Fyke, Commissioner*

Dear Tennessean:

We live in a state blessed with an abundance of natural resources and a diverse landscape that attracts visitors from all corners of the country. Our shared environment—from the Memphis Sands to the Smoky Mountains—is a cornerstone of the lifestyle that we enjoy, impacting everything from our recreational activities to the health of our communities.

Many Tennesseans go above and beyond to protect and preserve our natural resources. Through their outstanding actions and commitments, these environmental stewards help to make Tennessee the place we love. Our department makes it a priority to recognize environmental stewardship through the Governor's Environmental Stewardship Awards.

On behalf of the department, I invite you to submit an application for a Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award. Information about how to do this can be found within this brochure and on our web site. Thanks for all you do to enhance Tennessee's quality of life.

Sincerely,

James H. Fyke  
Commissioner

## Contact Us

For more information about the Governor's Environmental Stewardship Awards, please send an email!!!

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## Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Presents



Recognizing outstanding  
achievements by individuals,  
businesses, organizations,  
educational institutions, and  
agencies for successful  
environmental projects and  
conservation measures.

***2007 Nomination Guide***

## Eligibility

- Nominees must be located in Tennessee
- Nominees must not have any outstanding non-compliance issues with TDEC
- Nomination forms must be received prior to the deadline of March 31, 2007



Huntingdon Primary School "Cash for Trash" - Carroll County

## Criteria

The following values are the basis of the criteria used to judge the nominations:

- *Ambition:* Projects are ambitious relative to the size and resources of the nominee
- *Innovation:* Projects contribute creative methods to improve and protect the environment
- *Education:* Projects promote public awareness, student education, or employee/volunteer training
- *Cooperation:* Projects involve collaboration among various entities
- *Achievement:* Projects demonstrate measurable environmental and economic benefits
- *Commitment:* Projects demonstrate a sustained commitment to environmental stewardship

## Governor's Awards for Environmental Stewardship

### Agriculture/Forestry

### Aquatic Resource Preservation

### Building Green

### Energy Leadership

### Environmental Education and Outreach

### Green Schools

- K-12
- Green Schools

### Greenways and Trails

### Hazardous Waste Reduction

- Small Business
- Large Business

### Lifetime Achievement

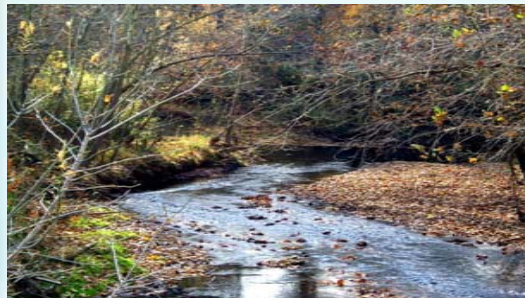
### Natural Heritage Conservation

### Parks and Recreation

### Pollution Prevention Award

Nominations from a particular organization may be submitted in more than one of the above categories.

Examples of past award and their projects can be found online at [www.tdec.net/awards](http://www.tdec.net/awards)



Fort Campbell's Pollution Prevention Operation Center reduces the amount of hazardous waste disposed at the base - Fort Campbell, KY/TN

## Nominations

- Nomination forms are available online at [www.tdec.net/awards](http://www.tdec.net/awards).
- Nominations will be accepted starting December 29, 2006.
- Nominations must be postmarked by March 31, 2007 at the latest.
- Self-nominations are encouraged!



Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont's educational programs raises awareness of Tennessee's natural resources.

## Recognition

- Award recipients will be invited to participate in the annual Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award ceremony to be held in June 2007.
- Award Recipients will also be acknowledged in a TDEC press release, featured in "The Tennessee Conservationist" magazine, and profiled