



OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION PROGRAM AWARD

The purpose of the Conservation Program Award is to honor public agencies for outstanding and innovative achievements in environmental conservation projects or programs. Nomination portfolios received after the deadline will be subject to a 10- point penalty, if accepted at all.

Nominations must be received by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2010

Agencies must meet the following criteria:

Agencies that employ IPRA members are eligible to enter. Project, program or event must have taken place during the 2009 or 2010 calendar year.

Categories:

NOTE: The Committee makes the following suggestions of types of conservation programs, projects, or events that could be entered. The list is by no means inclusive.

- A. Environmental education and interpretation classes, exhibits, programs, and events
- B. Open space areas for conservation and/or educational/interpretation purposes
- C. Restoration of environmentally significant sensitive areas
- D. Special events with a conservation theme
- E. Recycling programs or projects
- F. Development and implementation of a comprehensive environmental policy

Award Divisions

- I. Agencies with last known equalized assessed valuation of less than \$400 million.
- II. Agencies with last known equalized assessed valuation of \$400 million or more.
- III. Forest Preserve or Conservation Agency

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Entry Specifications

To receive full point value for each specification, all requested information must be included. **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

A single entry with no competition within a Division is required to meet a minimum standard in order to win.

- The award submission is not to exceed 8 ½ by 11 inches in size or 20 pages, single sided or 10 pages, back-to-back, excluding site plan/drawings. The narrative must be double-spaced, and pages must be numbered. All material must be placed in a flat binder. No three-ring binders. Photos are optional and will be included in maximum page count. (15 points)
- Materials used to promote and publicize the program such as flyers, brochures, photos, news clippings, etc. must be submitted and are included in the maximum page count. No videos, no digital files accepted. (10 points)
- Grammar, spelling and punctuation. (5 points)
- Six (6) identical portfolios including the nomination cover sheet must be submitted and arranged with the following criteria headings. (5 points)

Criteria for Award Submission

Award Entries will be judged on the following criteria. **PLEASE WRITE YOUR NARRATIVE USING THE FOLLOWING TWELVE CRITERIA AS “CHAPTER HEADINGS”.**

1. Reasons for initiating the program or special event. (10 points)
2. Statement of program or special event goals and objectives. (10 points)
3. Unique and outstanding features of the program or special event. (10 points)
4. List the goals and objective for the designated area and were you successful in meeting those goals and objective? Please give examples. (10 points)
5. What partnerships, if any, did the agency enter into to accomplish the goal? (10 Points)
6. Utilization of volunteers and/or community resources. (10 points)
7. Was the project, program or event to educate the public environmentally? If so, how? (15 points)
8. What is unique about the land management program? (10 points)
9. Project, program or event’s ability to preserve, enhance and protect environmental open space. (15 points)
10. Steps taken toward ADA compliance. (5 points)
11. Statement of the overall impact of the program or special event and why it is deserving of this award. (25 points)



