

Greener North Dakota Award

The Greener North Dakota Award acknowledges businesses, organizations, communities and/or individuals who create positive environmental efforts through solid waste management or recycling, renewable energy or pollution reduction to benefit North Dakota's landfills, waterways and airways. These businesses, communities, organizations and/or individuals are recognized for making an impact on North Dakota's environmental waste reduction goal of 40 percent. They may also be recognized for using recyclables products in manufacturing end use.

If you are a North Dakota resident and you wish to recognize those in your community, local government, businesses, non-profit groups or individuals that play a vital part in improving North Dakota's environment, you can obtain a nomination form on our Web site.

This year's Greener North Dakota award winner has been recycling for a number of years, and then in May of 2008, they instituted an additional pilot program. In just three months time, the single stream recycling has reduced the amount of waste significantly enough to justify reducing the amount of trash going to the landfill by 40%.

This winner demonstrates how an enthusiastic individual leading the effort, hard working maintenance staff, dedicated employees, and supportive administration can play an integral role in the proper management of solid waste in North Dakota. By including all staff in their transition, this organization incorporated recycling into their everyday operations to include hauling grass for composting, single stream recycling, office paper recycling, and cardboard recycling. This organization continually strives to recycle, prevent pollution, manage their waste and include their employees in the vision, thereby providing a strong commitment to their environment.

By their commitment to prioritizing waste reduction, pollution prevention and employee education, the advantages reach beyond their walls to demonstrate how each person and each business or agency can make a difference. This year's Greener North Dakota winner is the USDA Human Nutrition Center.