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Frederick County Announces the 2024 Sustainability Award Winners



FREDERICK, Md. – County Executive Jessica Fitzwater and the Frederick County Sustainability Commission have announced the recipients of this year's Sustainability Awards. These awards honor individuals, organizations, and businesses that demonstrate innovative approaches to sustainability—whether through conserving resources, enhancing biodiversity, or fostering environmental awareness and inclusivity within their communities.

Each year, nominations are submitted by the public and awardees are selected by the members of the Sustainability Commission. The Commission's work promotes the natural environment's critical relevance in making Frederick County a healthy, abundant, affordable, and inspiring place to live and work. To that end, this award highlights the leadership, innovation, and successes of local sustainability champions, with the aim of inspiring others to contribute toward a more resilient and sustainable future for all.

The 2024 Awardees are:

- [Everlee Acres Farm](#) (Category: Commercial Enterprise with 50 or Fewer Employees)
- [The Common Market Co-op](#) (Category: Commercial Enterprise with More Than 50 Employees)
- [Lonza Bioscience](#), Walkersville location (Category: Industrial Enterprise)
- [Mountainside Education and Enrichment](#) (Category: Nonprofit Organization)
- Michelle Carpenter (Category: Individual)
- Evan Hull (Category: Individual)
- Brian Brotherton (Category: Individual)
- Gina Lin (Category: Student)
- Catoctin High School Conservation Club (Category: Student)

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The awards were presented by Faith Klareich, Chair of the Sustainability Commission, and Amy Rembold, Vice Chair. Klareich commented, “One of the highlights of serving on the Sustainability Commission is selecting these award winners. The extent to which individuals go to be sustainable in their employment, their school, or their own home, business or farm is truly impressive and a model for others. Our goal is to recognize these leaders and to energize those who are thinking about going green to just do it!”

The celebratory gathering to honor the awardees was attended by County Executive Fitzwater, the County’s Chief Administrative Officer, John Peterson, and Shannon Moore, Director of the Division of Energy and Environment, as well as County staff and community members. To learn more about the award winners, please visit the Division of Energy and Environment’s (DEE) website at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/GreenAward. To participate in or be notified of DEE’s green events and programs, follow their work on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) @SustainableFCMD.

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