



# Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Governor's Green Youth Awards Program

The Governor's Green Youth Awards Program recognizes the outstanding and innovative efforts of youth in Illinois who are working on environmental and conservation friendly projects.

To be eligible for a Green Youth Award, projects must involve one or more of the following categories: **waste reduction; prevention/reduction of pollution in the air, land or water; restoration, preservation or enhancement of natural areas; and energy or water efficiency.** Examples of projects submitted in the past include:

**Waste Reduction:** a school-wide recycling program that encouraged not only recycling but also waste reduction and environmental education

**Reducing Water Pollution:** a storm sewer stenciling project

**Restoration/Preservation:** the creation of a wetland area

**Energy efficiency:** school-wide energy audit and facilitation guide

This spring, awards will be presented during a special ceremony in Springfield hosted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Individuals or youth currently enrolled in K-12 schools, scouts, 4-H or other groups, and who have participated in an environmental project started no earlier than January 2006, are eligible to apply. Applications for the 2008 Governor's Green Youth Awards are due Monday, March 17, 2008.

For an application or additional information, please call 217-557-7826, or visit our web site at: [www.epa.state.il.us/green-youth/index.html](http://www.epa.state.il.us/green-youth/index.html).



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