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I. Application for 2019 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Available

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is accepting applications for the 2019 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards (GEEA). The Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Program is New Jersey's premier awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, programs and projects throughout the state. The annual awards recognize outstanding environmental performance, programs and projects by businesses, communities, educators, individuals, institutions, organizations and youth from around New Jersey. Since its establishment in 2000, the program has honored 179 winners for their environmental achievements. Nominations may be submitted through Friday, Oct. 4 in the categories of Climate Change and Clean Air, Water Resources, Health Ecosystems and Habitats, Land Conservation, Healthy and Sustainable Communities, Healthy and Sustainable Businesses, and two categories in Environmental Education: Educator-Led and Student-Led Projects. The GEEA Program is sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities. Award winners will be honored at a ceremony in December, to be held in Trenton.

For more information on the 2019 application and other awards please go to the [DEP Website](#). Completed applications must be received at DEP by October 4.


Questions – Contact Tanya Oznowich at DEP, 609-984-9802 or Tanya.Oznowich@dep.nj.gov.

II. Mobile Users Can Text WATER to 20222 to Make a \$10 Donation for Newark Water Lead Relief Efforts

AT&T announced the launch of a text-to-give campaign to benefit Newark residents affected by lead service lines. *Donations collected during the giving campaign will be directed to the United Way of Essex & West Hudson to purchase bottled water for residents.

AT&T's launch of the Newark water lead Text-to-Give campaign is open to include wireless customers of Verizon, T-Mobile, Sprint and US Cellular as well. All text-to-give donations are one-time gifts and added to a customer's monthly wireless bill.

Simply text WATER to 20222 to make a \$10 donation to the United Way of Essex & West Hudson. When prompted, reply YES to confirm the donation.



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