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Award Winners Announced by Environmental Advisory Council

Westminster, MD, Friday, March 18, 2016 – The Carroll County Environmental Advisory County (EAC) announced the winners of the 2016 Environmental Awareness Awards. The EAC will join the Board of County Commissioners during its open session on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. to present the awards.

The purpose of the awards program is to promote awareness of the environment and acknowledge exemplary accomplishments in the protection, conservation, and improvement of our environmental resources. The Carroll County Commissioners adopted the Environmental Awareness Awards program in 1990 to recognize individuals and groups that have demonstrated these qualities through their actions or projects. Awards are presented biennially for endeavors and projects that result in positive benefit to the environment and have the potential for long-term community environmental benefit in each of five categories: Individual, Institution, Agriculture, Business, and Student.

The Project of the Year award, a special category created for this award cycle, went to the nominated participants in the Living Reef Action Campaign. Brett Hackett and Summer Miles (Student participants), Rick Elyar and Michael Wissel for the Coastal Conservation Association of Maryland (Institution participants), and Salerno's Restaurant & Catering (Business participant) will be recognized for their participation.

The award for the Individual category went to Gina Felter for her curriculum development, inspiration to students, work with the Outdoor School, and tree plantings. In the Business category, Carroll Scrap LLC was awarded for the company's participation in a stormwater retrofit project. In the Institution category, Waste Not! Carroll won for their Green Business Network Initiative, among other activities. In the Student category, Evan McCarthy took the award for his project to improvement the Quail Meadow stormwater pond. Persimmon Tree Farm takes the Agriculture award for its wetland restoration project. Honorable Mention went to Ryan Rippeon in the Student category for his wetland restoration project.

The award winners' names and a brief description of their efforts can be found on the EAC webpage at <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/eac/>.

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