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Local Organizations Cheered for Environmental Success through GreenSpot

Three businesses, one school, and one neighborhood recognized

The City of Columbus' annual GreenSpotLight awards celebration recognized three businesses for their outstanding sustainability practices. The large, medium and small organizations awards go to OhioHealth, E.P. Ferris, and MAD Scientist Associates. Members of the GreenSpot Advisory Board selected the three awardees using information provided in the businesses' GreenSpot annual reports.

"Sustainability is key to our success as a community. Businesses play a vital role and the GreenSpotLight award winners demonstrate how adopting green practices is good for the bottom line and our neighborhoods," said Mayor Andrew J. Ginther.

These organizations use the MyGreenSpot online tool to adopt and track their sustainability successes in water and energy conservation, waste reduction, green transportation and educational outreach.

Columbus City Councilmember Emmanuel Remy, chair of the Council Environment Committee, recognized these businesses for their success. "In order for businesses to be successful, they need to integrate sustainability into their core mission. These GreenSpotLight awardees demonstrate that it is possible."

Additionally, three organizations were recognized for completing GreenSpot's Sustainable Business Course. This program provides mentoring and networking opportunities as the businesses go through the GreenSpot application process. This diverse group of organizations received special recognition:

- Ashland
- Civil and Environmental Consultants
- OBLSK

The SpotLight also highlights Indianola Informal K-12 as the first Columbus city school to be designated as a GreenSpot School for their work in engaging students on litter cleanups, food gardens, composting, recycling and water conservation and protection. Their culture of sustainability will install environmental stewardship for years to come.

The newest recognized GreenSpot Neighborhood is Clintonville. Their successes include:

- Recruited more than 400 new GreenSpot members;
- Promoted local foods through farmers markets, master gardeners and vegan fest;
- Created sustainability Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram accounts;
- Promoted energy audits resulting in 258 home energy audits; and
- Removed invasive species, planted trees and maintained a prairie.

Due to COVID-19, the awards were virtual, pre-recorded and aired September 21, 2020. See the recorded GreenSpotLight Awards on GreenSpot Facebook “ColumbusGreenSpot” and on their website www.ColumbusGreenspot.org.

The GreenSpot Program began in 2008 to inspire, educate and recognize those in our community who are taking steps to protect our environment. Currently there are more than 20,000 households, community groups and businesses that are members. Membership forms are available at www.columbusgreenspot.org.

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