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Subject: Environmental Stewardship Awards

The City of Greeley through the Air Quality and Natural Resources Commission has selected 4 recipients for the first annual Environmental Stewardship Awards. This award is given to recognize individuals and businesses that have made outstanding efforts to adopt and practice strategies that protect our local environment. The awards were presented during the City Council meeting on April 15th, along with an Earth Day proclamation from Mayor Ed Clark. The awardees will also be recognized on April 24th at the Northern Colorado Green Summit in Fort Collins.

The recipient of the award in the residential category is Island Grove Village Apartments. A multi-building complex with 108 apartments at 119 14th Avenue, this facility managed by Richard Maxfield of Maxfield Services Corporation has demonstrated a long term commitment to the environment since the early 1990's. Most recently Island Grove Village has installed limiting thermostats to maintain minimum and maximum temperatures, upgraded bathroom fans, installed light sensors on exterior lighting and are installing energy efficient lighting creating a significant energy savings. They have also installed low-flow plumbing fixtures, washing machines, and low-consumption sprinkler heads resulting in more than a 57% decrease in water consumption.

In the commercial category the recipient is State Farm Insurance and Financial Services at 1555 Promontory Circle. According to Herb Guerrero at State Farm, their employees appreciate working for a company which values making a positive environmental impact on the community. The campus includes 3 buildings with over 300,000 square feet housing 1342 employees. Their environmental efforts have resulted in a 9.35% reduction in utility costs of over \$65,000. The State Farm campus recycles 15,000 to 30,000 pounds each of paper and cardboard every month along with many electronics, ink and toner cartridges and batteries.

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RR Donnelley at 259 30th Street is the winner of the industrial category. Their environmental stewardship activities have included waste reduction and recycling efforts, energy and water conservation practices, water quality protection, and air pollution prevention. They re-lamped the entire facility with low-energy lighting with a yearly energy cost savings of more than \$90,000. Owen Silva of RR Donnelley noted in their application that the Greeley facility has also received the Forest Stewardship Chain-of-Custody certification.

University of Northern Colorado is the winner of the government/non-profit category. Since 2001, their comprehensive recycling program has increased the amount of recycling by more than 500% in total pounds of paper, cardboard and other items from just over 103,000 pounds to more than 521,000 pounds. UNC has invested several million dollars to upgrade facilities to conserve energy and water. According to Darrell Johnson, Recycling Program Manager at UNC, the university warehouse stocks only Rayovac alkaline batteries which are manufactured with little or no mercury content, a primary contaminant that makes batteries hazardous. In addition to these efforts, UNC inaugurated a campus "Commit to Conserve" campaign for employees and students and actively promotes environmental information.

For more information on the Environmental Stewardship awards and other City sponsored environmental activities contact Karen Scopel, Natural Resources Planner at 350-9783 or karen.scopel@greeleygov.com.

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