



La Crescent Sustainable Community Awards

The City of La Crescent is an exceptional place to live and raise a family. Citizens and officials advocate for balanced growth, with high regard for health, safety, and environmental stewardship.

The Sustainable Community Awards program is intended to find, recognize and reward residential, non-profit and commercial property owners that demonstrate Best Management Practices (BMPs) for sustainable practices in the following areas.

- Water
- Energy
- General Initiatives

The goal of the program is to inform, motivate, and educate La Crescent residents by highlighting conservation practices that display innovation, conservation leadership, and activities that can be expanded to a larger number of households or businesses in La Crescent.

TIMING:

Application deadline June 1st 2023 POSTMARK DATE

Selected applicants notified.....September 1st 2023

Winners will be recognized by the La Crescent Mayor, City Council and GreenSteps Committee during a City Council meeting in fall of 2023.

ELIGIBILITY: Residential, Commercial or Non-profit Organization properties located in La Crescent are eligible. Properties must be in full compliance with city ordinances.

JUDGING: The judges make their selections based on information provided on the application form, as well as from photos and site visits for finalists. Many activities will be considered. In addition to the current best management practices for water quality, the new program will also consider improvements such as the installation of renewable energy (geothermal, solar, or wind), switching to off-peak energy use, innovative or effective recycling and composting efforts, green remodeling, and other personal or corporate behaviors that demonstrate leadership and commitment to improving our environment.

AWARDS: Winners will receive an attractive La Crescent Green Community Awards sign to be placed on their property and recognition at a City Council meeting in fall of 2023.

MAIL OR EMAIL COMPLETED FORMS AND PHOTOS TO:

La Crescent Community Awards Program c/o La Crescent GreenSteps Committee
315 Main Street
La Crescent, MN 55947

Subject Line: La Crescent Community Awards Program

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LA CRESCENT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY AWARDS

Water and/or Pollinator Quality Award

Your name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Type of Property: Single-family Residential _____; Commercial _____; Non-profit _____

Please check all water-friendly Best Management Practices (BMPs) that apply to this property.

1. Which of the following do you have on your property? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Habitat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline buffer – <input type="checkbox"/> wetland <input type="checkbox"/> stream <input type="checkbox"/> lake or pond | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain barrel/s |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Berm | <input type="checkbox"/> Detention pond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permeable surface (e.g., paver driveway) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grassy swale |

Other: _____

2. What are your stewardship objectives for your property? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water infiltration/reduce runoff | <input type="checkbox"/> Control erosion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat for <input type="checkbox"/> birds <input type="checkbox"/> butterflies <input type="checkbox"/> wildlife variety <input type="checkbox"/> fish | <input type="checkbox"/> Prevent flooding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minimize lawn care | <input type="checkbox"/> Conserve water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce herbicide use | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase permeable surfaces |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discourage geese and/or muskrats | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce pesticide use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Control <i>invasive</i> non-native plant species (e.g. buckthorn, purple loosestrife) | |

Other: _____

3. How much lawn, if any, have you replaced with other types of plantings? Please describe.

4. What benefits are you seeing as a result of your land stewardship and water-friendly best practices?

5. What advice would you give to individuals thinking about installing water-friendly BMPs on their property?

OPTIONAL: In the event that my property is selected for an award, I give my permission to include my name and address in press releases publicizing the La Crescent Sustainable Community Award Program

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Thank you!



LA CRESCENT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY AWARDS

Energy Conservation Award

Your name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Type of Property: Single-family Residential _____; Commercial _____; Non-profit _____

1. Please check all energy conservation practices that apply to this property.

- Installation of renewable energy such as geothermal, solar, or wind
- Use of power strips that are turned off to reduce phantom load
- Switching to off peak usage
- On demand water heater
- Programmable thermostat
- Purchase renewable energy through Windsource®
- Purchase Energy Star rated appliances
- Install high-efficiency water heater, furnace or AC
- Install CFLs or LED lighting
- Other: _____
- Solar water heater
- Triple pane windows
- Design for passive solar
- Participate in Xcel's Saver's Switch
- Use cold water for clothes washing
- Increased insulation
- Insulating window covers

2. Were your energy conservation practices part of:

- Remodeling existing space
- Expansion of existing space
- New construction

3. What benefits are you seeing in energy usage as a result of the energy conservation practices included in the remodeling, expansion or new construction (attach additional sheets if necessary)? Documentation is appreciated.

4. What advice would you give to individuals thinking about enacting energy conservation practices?

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LA CRESCENT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY AWARDS

General Innovation Award

Your name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Type of Property: Single-family Residential _____; Commercial _____; Non-profit _____

1. Please check all innovative practices that you are applying to your lifestyle and/or property.

Lifestyle

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Reduction - especially in terms of resource preservation and/or historic preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling – more than typical curbside |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reuse of materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Litter Control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Composting | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Gardening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothesline Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Uses alternative transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ultra-high efficiency vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Community-building Activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uses public transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

Property

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Remodeling | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Space Preserved |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Rehabilitation/Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

Innovative Commitment to Conservation

Please describe: _____

2. What benefits are you seeing from what you've done? Examples include amount of waste reduction, or toxicity reduction through use of lower impact materials (attach additional sheets if necessary). Documentation is appreciated.

3. What advice would you give to individuals thinking about enacting innovative practices?

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

Thank you!