

Hannaford receives 2009 Climate Champion Award



Clean Air - Cool Planet's CEO, Adam Markham, left, and COO Bob Sheppard, right, with Hannaford Supermarkets' Art Aleshire and Harrison Horning.

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Boston, MA – Hannaford Supermarkets, based in Scarborough, Maine, received a Climate Champion Award from Clean Air-Cool Planet, the leading science-based, non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated solely to finding and promoting solutions to global warming, for its leadership in corporate climate action at an awards dinner here October 15th.

Chief among the accomplishments for which Hannaford was recognized is opening the world's first LEED Platinum certified supermarket in Augusta, ME. An early adopter of Maine Governor John Baldacci's Carbon Challenge, Hannaford has been in the top 20 percent of participants in reductions. It has also been a vocal proponent of the need for federal action on climate, and actively supported efforts to promote cap and trade legislation.

“Hannaford exemplifies a corporate champion that has moved forward on a number of fronts,” said Clean Air-Cool Planet CEO Adam Markham, “demonstrating at once that action on climate is good business and good for business.”

The company operates 170 stores and employs more than 27,000 associates in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont. Hannaford' commitment to promoting healthy communities, healthy associates and a healthy planet is exemplified by its work with

farmers in the sale of local food, to recycle more than half of store waste and operate supermarkets that are significantly more energy efficient than the industry average.

In July, 2009, Hannaford opened the world's first LEED Platinum certified supermarket — the most environmentally advanced supermarket in the country. Hannaford is owned by Delhaize Group of Brussels, Belgium.

“We’re honored that Clean Air-Cool Planet has recognized our ongoing effort to reduce pollution and cut energy use,” said Andy Mayo, vice president of engineering. “Concern for the environment is part of everything we do at Hannaford, whether that is in the distribution of merchandise or display of products.

“Taking care of the planet is not only the right thing to do, it’s also good business,” Mayo said. “Our environmental initiatives help us save money over time, and allow us to offer our customers competitive prices.”

This year’s winners also include:

- Chewonki Foundation of Wiscasset, ME, for the quality and level of innovation of its outreach and education efforts.
- Furman University in Greenville, SC, for its innovative climate action planning model, the breadth of its campus sustainability initiatives, and the visionary leadership in the higher education community of its President, Dr. David Shi;
- Sven-Olof Lindblad for his tremendous commitment to global conservation issues;
- Representative Edward J. Markey for leadership in the fight for a more progressive energy strategy in the House of Representatives;
- SunEdison for its unique business model supporting the development of large scale renewable energy projects;
- Dr. Susan F. Tierney, founding board member at CA-CP, former environmental affairs commissioner for Massachusetts and assistant secretary for policy in the US Department of Energy, for her work in the energy and climate field;
- And the Town of Temple, NH for its common sense, citizen-supported efficiency projects, conservation and continuing education.

Past winners of the award for their leadership in climate action include governors John Baldacci of Maine and George Pataki of New York; Bank of America, Oakhurst Dairy, Staples and Timberland; Hull, MA, and Maplewood, NJ; Middlebury College, UNH, and Tufts University.

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