

Temple, New Hampshire receives 2009 Climate Champion Award



Bev Edwards and John Kieley from the town of Temple, NH accept the Climate Champion Award from Clean Air - Cool Planet's CEO, Adam Markham, right.

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Boston, MA – The Town of Temple, NH has been chosen to receive a Climate Champion Award from Clean Air-Cool Planet for its leadership in community climate action at an awards dinner here October 15th.

Temple is to be honored for its common sense, citizen-supported efficiency projects, conservation and continuing education. In addition to completing a town greenhouse gas inventory and a land use audit to ensure better community reductions, the town applied for and received landmark funding from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) to assist energy efficiency projects and community and residential outreach.

“Temple is the model for how a community can enter into a process of measurement, planning, and action on climate and reap the rewards” said Clean Air-Cool Planet CEO Adam Markham, “They are an example we believe should be widely emulated.”

Temple embarked on a program that began with measuring and documenting their energy use and the resulting greenhouse gases. Their local energy committee then formulated a plan for reaching a target for reductions. Based on that plan, the town applied for the RGGI funding and won an award of \$332 thousand for projects enumerated in their plan.

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;
- Hannaford Supermarkets for opening the world’s first LEED Platinum certified supermarket in Augusta, Maine and leadership in corporate climate action;
- 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;

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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