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Impact of the Awards

Illinois' success as an economic and cultural leader depends upon our responsible management of natural resources for a healthy environment, as well as sustainable development. Every year, there are a group of champions who represent the highest models of sustainable commerce, resource use and governance - the winners of the Illinois Sustainability Awards.

This timeline is a snapshot of the number of Award winners and key milestones in the program since 1987. More than 500 public and private Illinois organizations have won these Awards since 1987, each becoming part of a legacy of excellence and leadership. They have shown the way for outstanding and innovative sustainability practices that reduce our use of raw materials, reuse and recycle what was once refuse, and strive to keep toxic and hazardous materials out of our living ecosystems. Illinois Sustainability Award winners thoroughly demonstrate a commitment to sustaining our environment and contributing to the growth of a more sustainable, profitable Illinois economy.

Illinois Sustainability Awards

Previous Award Ceremonies and Winners

Impact of the Awards

Case Studies

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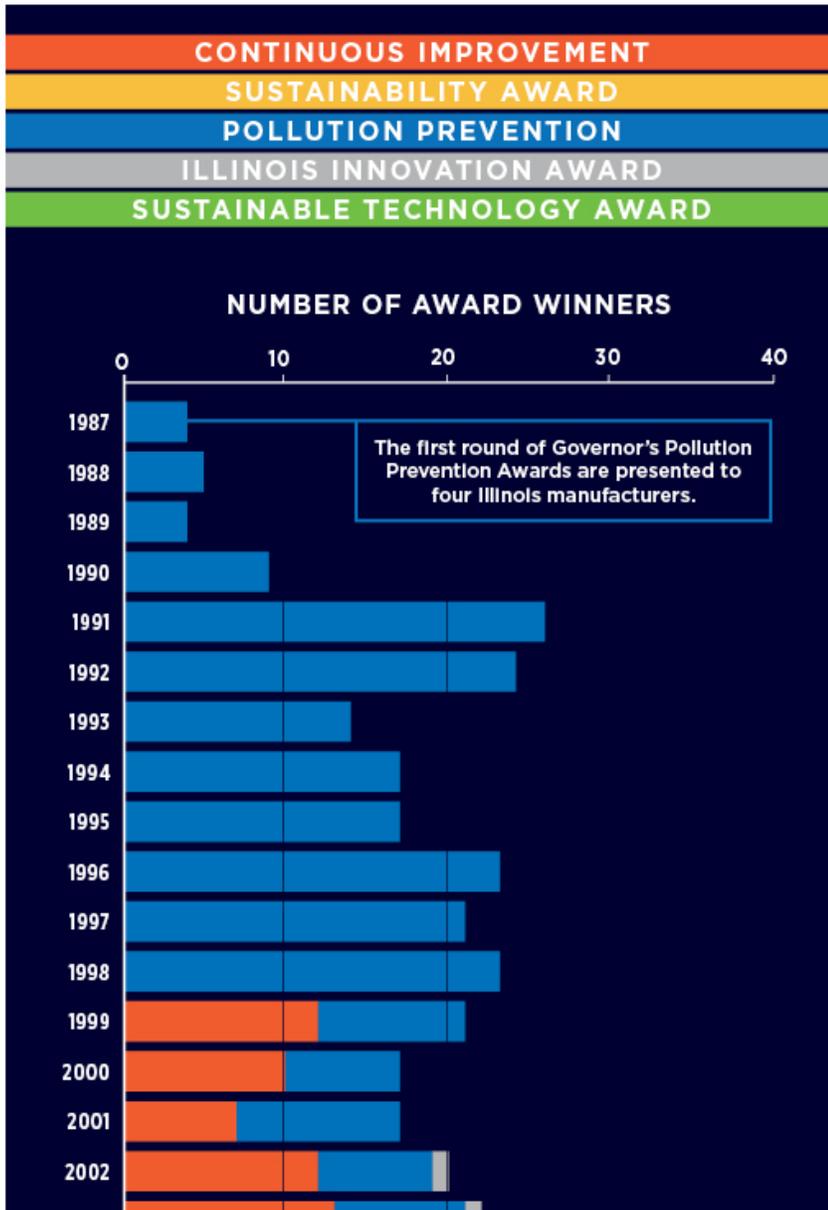
Sustainability Awards Case Studies

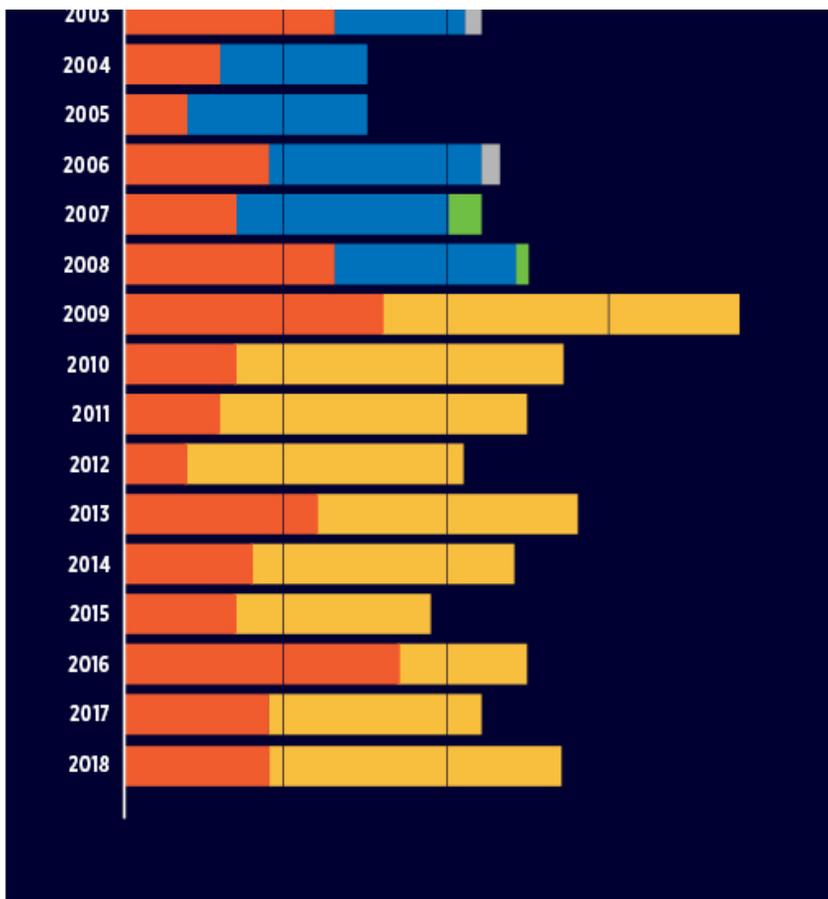


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2018

27 WINNERS

Every year we receive an amazing variety of project descriptions from Illinois Sustainability Award applicants. We encourage applicants to track the various cost savings and environmental outcomes that result from their efforts. Our judges will often conduct site visits to verify project achievements.

SHOWN BELOW ARE THE METRICS OF OUR 2018 AWARD YEAR APPLICANTS.

ACHIEVEMENTS

18.76 million

GALLONS OF WATER
USAGE REDUCED

38.83 million

kWh OF ELECTRICITY REDUCED

3.89 million

kWh OF RENEWABLE
ENERGY GENERATION

2.2 million

TONS OF NON-HAZARDOUS
SOLID WASTE REDUCED

724,000

TONS OF SOLID WASTE
RECYCLED

8,445

EQUIVALENT METRIC TONS
OF CO₂ AVOIDED

\$5.28 million

ANNUAL SAVINGS AS
REPORTED BY APPLICANTS

TOP PROJECTS & TECHNOLOGIES

WASTE REDUCTION

- » recycling
- » process changes for waste reduction
- » composting
- » reuse

PROCESS UPGRADES, OPTIMIZATION, AND PLANNING

- » ISO 14001
- » operational efficiency
- » energy efficient equipment upgrades
- » sustainability planning

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- » recycling events
- » environmental education events

EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

- » employee volunteerism
- » employee green teams and sustainability training

RENEWABLE & ALTERNATIVE ENERGY INITIATIVES

- » alternative fleets
- » electric vehicle charging stations
- » solar projects
- » bio gas combined heat and power

LIGHTING INITIATIVES

- » Upgrade lighting to LED

Each year, the impact of the Illinois Sustainability Awards applicants continues to grow. We believe it is important to continue recognizing Illinois' leading private and public entities for their sustainability accomplishments. Award winners serve as role models to others, but also significantly contribute to natural resource preservation on this planet we call home.



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