

2019 Green Award Recipients

At the May, 21 2019 Village Council meeting, recipients of the Village's third-annual Green Awards were recognized for their exceptional commitment to sustainable and environmentally friendly practices within the Village. The purpose of the Green Awards program is to recognize individuals, properties and households within the community that demonstrate these practices. Award categories included green buildings, recycling/waste reduction, land, air, water/stormwater, energy and innovation/other.

The first recipients, Mercedes and Bernardo Sichel of 420 Birch Street, were selected for an award in the Water/Stormwater category. After severe basement flooding in 2017, for the construction of two commercial-grade pits, jointly with three sump pumps and four battery backups, raising the existing ten window wells to the highest possible level and covering them with new lids, running alternative over-the-ground pipe in the back of the house to direct water to a section of their yard.

The second recipients, Amanda and George Hanley of 855 Auburn Road were selected for an award in the Climate category for their construction of six vegetable beds, installing a hoop house, planting edible fruit trees/shrubs, converting to native plantings, and incorporating green outdoor features such as additional LED lights and recycling furnishings.



Amanda Hanley, Matt Havlik and Mercedes Sichel