



Good Neighbor and Environmental Hero Awards at the Mission Memorial Auditorium



Event Background:

On February 13, 2019 the Department of Facility Maintenance, Storm Water Quality Branch recognized volunteers and partners who have made significant contributions to the City and County of Honolulu's Storm Water Quality Programs at its biennial Good Neighbor and Environmental Hero Awards at the Mission Memorial Auditorium. Recipients of the Good Neighbor and Environmental Hero Awards are citizens, businesses, schools, community groups, and government agencies that have partnered together to foster positive changes in their communities to protect the environment. Volunteer efforts by these clean water heroes include creating awareness of storm water pollution and water quality issues in streams and the ocean; educating and informing specific audiences about the impacts of storm water pollution; and actively engaging in best management practices to reduce pollutants in storm water runoff.

Green Efforts:

As we strive to be better Environmental Heroes, we are participating in The Hawaii Green Business Program. Beginning with our invitations and continuing through our after-ceremony refreshment hour, we have implemented measures for solid waste reduction, energy and water efficiency, food waste reduction, transportation impact reduction, and pollution prevention. Examples of these efforts include:



- Paperless program option provided to guests
- Sustainably sourced wood used to create award plaques
- Reusable lei made of medal were used instead of flowers
- Items such as sunglasses made of recycled plastic and reusable bags were gifted to award recipients
- Selection of caterer with a green policy
- Transportation survey conducted during the program
- Sustainable policy was created and shared with all attendees.

The 2019 Good Neighbor and Environmental Hero Awards earned 31 points to comply with the Hawaii Green Events checklist.

