



**HAWAII
GREEN**

**2022
BUSINESS
PROGRAM**



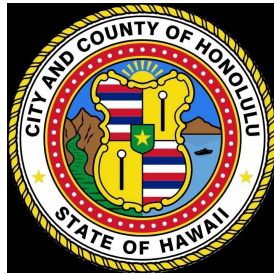
**HAWAII
STATE
ENERGY
OFFICE**



Board of Water Supply



**HAWAII STATE
DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH**



Background:

On March 1, 2023 the Department of Facility Maintenance, Storm Water Quality Division 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.

Highlights:

To be better Environmental Heroes, they are participating in the Hawai'i Green Business Program. Beginning with invitations and continuing through after-ceremony refreshment hour, they 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:

- Electronic communication for registration, announcements, and updates
- Paperless program option provided to guests
- Sustainably sourced wood used to create award plaques
- Items such as reusable bags were gifted to award recipients
- Reused items from previous events
- Selection of caterer with a green policy
- Transportation survey conducted during the program
- Sustainable policy was created and shared with all attendees

