

**MICHIGAN CONSULTANTS COUNCIL**  
**MICHIGAN GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD OF MERIT GUIDELINES**

There is no official handbook to guide clubs through the process of planning environmental projects within your club and/or your community organizations.

1. Environmental Conservation encourages us to protect the natural world of land, sea, air, plants and animals by helping our communities understand where an initiative can be done.
2. Projects by your club with community involvement should demonstrate how to preserve the natural areas from contamination and destruction.
3. Does your club project encourage the promotion of conservation, recycling, environmental programs through presenting education at club meetings, district meetings or other types of community meetings for educating the public on environmental concerns?
4. Environmental Education may begin by working in all educational levels with students, through city councils/county boards and recreational parks/facilities.

**\$150 Awards are given to:**

If there is a tie in scoring the environmental award in each category a decision will be made by the judging committee to give more than one award in each category.

Club membership up to 20

Club membership 21 to 50

Club membership 51 and up

**No Book of Evidence is required.**

The MGC Award Application must be filled in completely. Submit no more than four single pages including the award application, description and pictures. The description of your project is limited to 500 words or less.

**GETTING STARTED**

- Identify Committee chair(s)
- Choose and define the project with club members and/or community leaders. The activity can be in conservation education, legislative activities, field projects, club participation in a natural resource development such as watershed, erosion control, reforestation, wildlife refuge, local parks, recreational facilities etc.
- In addition, conservation activities could include bottle collections, plastic use/disposal and the education and effect of using insecticides/pesticides/chemicals in private/community gardens sponsored by your club.
- Is there a partnership between your club and a community organization? What is the educational component? Describe the benefits. Are there before and after photos available?
- Describe your partnership with students and the level of education you chose to conduct a project with the students. Describe the benefits.  
Show the publicity that was used in the community to inform others about your project.
- A maximum of 5 pictures may accompany the application.
- Create or develop visual ways for your club, district and other organizations to compost, recycle, or use non-disposable materials.
- Personal involvement of your members should be noted in sharing ideas with others and participating in a project.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING AWARD PACKET IS OCTOBER 1, 2024**

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