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Sustainable San Mateo County Seeks Award Nominations - Due Dates Extended!

Sustainable San Mateo County (SSMC) is now accepting nominations for its **2027 Awards Program**, which honors those who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to sustainable practices. Nominations for the Sustainability Awards and Youth Sustainability Award must be received by 11:59 p.m. PDT on November 5, 2026. Self-applications for the Green Building Award will be accepted through 11:59 p.m., PDT on November 20, 2026. SSMC will recognize the awardees at its **28th Annual Awards Celebration** during the spring of 2027.

SSMC will present three Sustainability Awards and one Youth Sustainability Award. These awards celebrate efforts that address any or all of the three "E's" of sustainability—**a healthy Environment, social Equity and Economic vitality**—while inspiring others to take action. The Green Building Award is presented jointly by SSMC and the American Institute of Architects San Mateo County.

Sustainability Award applications may be submitted in five categories: individuals; nonprofits, clubs or groups; businesses; education institutions; and government agencies. The three winners may be from any of those categories. There are separate judging processes for the Youth Sustainability Award and Green Building Award. Nomination forms and criteria for the awards are available on SSMC's website at **sustainablesanmateo.org/awards.**

At the 2026 Awards Celebration, SSMC honored awardees **JobTrain**, for its 60 years of work driving social equity and economic vitality in San Mateo County; **Peninsula Precious Plastics** for its exceptional leadership in environmental education and circular-economy innovation; and **Elaine Salinge**r for her tireless work as San Mateo County Chapter Leader and Youth Mentor for Citizens' Climate Lobby**.** The **Youth Sustainability Award** went to **Chiara Luey**, for her exceptional leadership across local policy, clean energy innovation and global education. SSMC and the **American Institute of Architects San Mateo County**, presented the Green Building Award to the **Global Security Operations Center at Genentech** in South San Francisco. The **City of Menlo Park** was recognized with the 2026 Green Cities award sponsored by WestLight Energy for its bold leadership in passing innovative building codes in 2025.

About Sustainable San Mateo County
Founded in 1992, Sustainable San Mateo County (SSMC) is a nonprofit dedicated to realizing a vision of a sustainable future for everyone in the county. For more information, visit sustainablesanmateo.org or contact info@sustainablesanmateo.org.

Newsletter Item:

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