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Dent Design Hardware selected for the Small Business Environmental Stewardship Award

The National Steering Committee (NSC) of Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAPs) & Small Business Ombudsmen (SBO) have recognized Andersen Products with the 2021 Small Business Environmental Stewardship Award. The company, **Dent Design Hardware**, based in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, was recognized for its accomplishments in the areas of improving environmental performance, pollution prevention, and sustainability.

Dent Design was recognized for working with the Pennsylvania SBEAP, known as the Environmental Management Assistance Program (EMAP), starting with their industrial stormwater permit application, and then looking for ways to improve beyond the requirements. Once the original stormwater permit was issued, EMAP continued to assist Dent Design with meeting permit obligations, including annual stormwater sampling, coordinating with a local laboratory, compiling the stormwater lab results, and filing annual stormwater reports. Early in the process, Dent Design owner Tim Dodge proactively planted local, native flora & fauna in the immediate perimeter of one stormwater outfall to mitigate the volume of stormwater leaving the property and to reduce contaminants. The result of the plantings was greatly reduced runoff from that outfall, and eventual removal of the outfall from the stormwater permit at renewal.

EMAP Program Manager Jeremy Hancher noted in his nomination that, “Dent Design Hardware has been a good role model for very small businesses, especially in the manufacturing sector, challenged with environmental and economic challenges. They have utilized services from SBEAP and from trade associations such as NFIB [National Federation of Independent Businesses]. Tim and Dent Design Hardware have worked tirelessly at achieving environmental compliance, reducing waste, and working with Pennsylvania DEP. It is certainly not easy for a small business owner to suddenly become a storm chaser collecting stormwater samples, so we are extremely happy to see Tim and Dent Design Hardware be recognized for their positive environmental actions.”

Mr. Tim Dodge, owner of Dent Design, added, “DENT uses geo-thermal heating and cooling for the manufacturing location, works only with food-grade materials in our Walk In Hardware line, and strives to be good stewards of the 2.6 acre property which is more than 50% natural growth riparian buffer to ensure that stormwater is absorbed into the ground as much as possible and avoid runoff.”

The SBEAP/SBO NSC Awards are the States’ premier awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental leadership among small businesses and small business assistance providers. These awards

recognize small businesses, SBEAP/SBO programs and individuals, trade associations and other business assistance providers who have made significant contributions to protecting the environment. The awards program is sponsored by the SBEAP/SBO NSC in partnership with U.S. EPA Asbestos and Small Business Office.

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About the Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs and Small Business Ombudsmen

The Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAP) and Small Business Ombudsmen (SBO) were created under Section 507 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. For more than 25 years, the SBEAP/SBO have provided extensive, hands-on technical assistance to small businesses across the country to help them understand and comply with complex environmental regulations. The SBEAP/SBO website, <https://nationalsbeap.org/>, is a resource for program participants and small businesses. Find your state specific contact at: <https://nationalsbeap.org/states>. #SBEAP #SmallBusiness