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### **River Horse Brewing Company 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 River Horse Brewing Company with the 2024 Small Business Environmental Stewardship Award. River Horse Brewing Company, based in Ewing, New Jersey, was recognized for their accomplishments in the areas of improving environmental performance, pollution prevention, sustainability, and sharing their knowledge with others to help improve other breweries and their community.

River Horse Brewing Company is committed to making sustainable improvements throughout their facility and production process. They use sustainable packaging measures to reduce packaging waste and are partnered with [RafCycle](#) who collect and recycle label waste in order to be re-used, saving up to 1300 trees per year. They donate used food-safe chemical drums to rainwater collection organizations and spent brewers' grain is donated to farms as livestock feed rather than becoming waste. They have replaced older lights with LED lighting, saving them an estimated 11,531-kilowatt hours per year, and they also installed 8,000 square feet of solar panels to power their innovative facility.

Perhaps most impressive is their inventive reuse of water during production. During the brewing process, cold water is used to cool boiled, un-fermented beer from 212 F to 70 F. The water warms during this process and is stored in their hot water tank for use in the next brew. This practice helps River Horse save energy from having to heat fresh water to boiling point as well as save on water usage. It is a system estimated to save 800,000 gallons of water per year and \$2,200 in water and energy costs. In addition, they have multiple backflow preventers to ensure that the process water does not enter the township water system.

Prior to adopting their sustainable practices, River Horse reached out to the NJ SBEAP to assist them with environmental compliance involving air permitting, water safety and sustainability. The NJ SBEAP also helped River Horse become a registered member of the NJ Sustainable Business Registry. This status helped them to further showcase their achievements and encourage other businesses to go beyond compliance. In 2019, they hosted a NJ Sustainability Speaker Series (S3) event where River Horse Owner, Chris Walsh, talked about how sustainable operation is smart operation and how the green choices he makes for the brewery keep it profitable. Since then, River Horse Brewing Company has exceeded expectations on maintaining a sustainable operation and continues active membership on the New Jersey Sustainable Business Registry. The NJ SBEAP team was proud to nominate River Horse to receive this award and Chris Walsh said, "River Horse Brewing Company is honored to be recognized as the 2024 Small Business Environmental Stewardship Award recipient presented by the National Small Business Environmental Assistance Program. Thank you for recognizing our compliance and efforts to lead by example in our community to protect and sustain our environment. It is with gratitude we accept this award."

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.

More information about the state SBEAP/SBO is available at [nationalsbeap.org/](https://nationalsbeap.org/).

### **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, [nationalsbeap.org/](https://nationalsbeap.org/), is a resource for program participants and small businesses. Find your state specific contact at: [nationalsbeap.org/states](https://nationalsbeap.org/states). #SBEAP #SmallBusiness*