

# City of Lakewood

# SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS



2012

BRUCE PEOPLES ECO-EMPLOYEE AWARD

**Brian Nielsen**

Career Achievement for Community Recycling



In 1988, **Brian Nielsen** and another employee placed two small recycling bins at the City Shops for limited neighborhood collection. Today, thanks to Brian's persistence and planning, the Quail Street Recycling Center has expanded to a 14,500 square foot site where more than 2,000 vehicles a week drop off recyclable materials.

The Quail Street Recycling site is just one of Brian's many contributions to community sustainability in Lakewood. Brian was a driving force behind the creation of the Rooney Road Recycling Center, a multi-jurisdictional site that provides recycling of household hazardous waste, electronic waste and yard waste. Since 1994, the Center has recycled more than 3.5 million lbs. of material. Brian's also provides the City of Lakewood with sustainability related services that include environmental assessments, EPA and other grants, and inspection services for environmental compliance and stormwater quality.

The City of Lakewood is proud to recognize Brian for his many contributions to the long-term health and sustainability of our community.



## Project Achievement Area

- Climate Change & Energy Conservation
- Green Design
- Waste Reduction & Recycling
- Community Health & Engagement
- Economic Sustainability