

City of Lakewood

SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

2014

BRUCE PEOPLES ECO-EMPLOYEE AWARD

Christmas TreeCycle

Luke Wilson



What do you do with your Christmas tree once it no longer serves its purpose? You recycle it! Thanks to **Luke Wilson's Christmas Tree-Cycle program**, not only did Lakewood residents have a place to recycle their Christmas trees, but they also helped enhance habitat for fish and other aquatic species.

After visiting those fishing along the shores of Bear Creek Reservoir and the park's resource specialist, Luke learned that there was a need to improve fishing habitat. He had heard that strategically placing trees, limbs and other structures in the water could give insect populations the protection they need to establish healthy populations.

So his Tree-Cycle began! Recycled trees were strategically placed on the ice so that when the ice melted, the trees sank, enhancing the reservoir's aquatic habitat, ecology, and overall biological diversity.

Luke's effort has already resulted in compliments from the park's anglers and users, not to mention Lakewood residents who found a rewarding way to recycle their Christmas trees.



Project Achievement Area

- ☑ Waste Reduction & Recycling
- ☑ Preservation of Ecology and Biodiversity