

City of Lakewood

SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

2019

DEFENDER OF THE PLANET
YOUTH AWARD



Pick Up Parks!

Green Mountain Area Homeschoolers



The Green Mountain Area Homeschoolers unanimously chose to dedicate their annual service learning project to help keep Lakewood's parks and open spaces clean and beautiful and to inspire their community to do the same. The students began by learning from Lakewood Park and Jeffco Open Space staff and touring the Boulder Recycling Center. They shared what they learned by hosting an educational booth focused on recycling at Lakewood's Earth Day celebration and a youth art contest at the Belmar Library. This art contest allowed all interested Lakewood youth to think about trash in our parks by having them create posters with the theme of "Pick Up Parks."

Throughout the year, the students "walked the talk" by volunteering to pick up trash in our parks and encouraged others to join along the way. The students planned 10 trash pickup days at four sites, logging more than 150 hours of trash pickup and gathering 456 pounds of trash!

Achievement Areas

- Energy, Water, & the Built Environment
- Community Cohesion & Public Health
- Natural Systems

