City of Lakewood SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS



2016 DEFENDER OF THE PLANET YOUTH AWARD



Habitat Awareness & Action

Green Mountain Area Homeschoolers





Recognizing the importance of protecting biodiversity and the value of healthy native wildlife, the Green Mountain Area Homeschoolers used their service learning project to improve local habitat and spread awareness throughout the community. The students demonstrated their leadership abilities by coordinating with city and county officials and other community agencies, including the Jane Goodall Institute to complete their project.

Implementation of the project included two phases. In the first, the students put their mission into action by pulling invasive weeds, planting thousands of wildflower seeds and building nest boxes. In phase two, they continued their project through a month long educational display at the

Belmar Library.

Achievement Area

☑ Preservation of Ecology & Biodiversity



The leadership and hard work of the Green Mountain Area Homeschoolers has provided the entire community with an example of how we should strive to protect and improve our natural environment.