

City of Lakewood

SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

2017

DEFENDER OF THE PLANET



YOUTH AWARD

Water Conservation & Cleanup

Green Mountain Area Homeschoolers



The Green Mountain Area Homeschoolers combined curiosity and personal initiative to address water conservation and clean up waterways in Lakewood. The students began their project by touring a local water treatment plant; watching the documentary "The Great Divide" about Colorado water history and issues; learning about watershed monitoring; and interviewing Lakewood City staff and elected officials. Using funding from the Jane Goodall Institute, the students planted willows along Bear Creek to prevent erosion, picked up trash along the riparian corridor and distributed native, low-water seeds to residents.

The students also created an educational art display at Belmar Library to share information on how to protect water resources. As a result of their hard work, these students not only learned a great deal about water issues, but also taught us how discovery, determination and direct action come together to make a significant impact.

Achievement Areas

- Climate Change & Adaptation
- Energy, Water & the Built Environment
- Natural Systems

