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BPRD Receives Sustainability Award

During a ceremony at the Oxford Hotel last night the Environmental Center honored Bend Park & Recreation District with a 2010 Sustainability Award. This award went to recipients in five categories: business, government, nonprofit organizations, and the community.

Bend Park & Recreation District values environmental sustainability by making decisions that help protect, maintain and preserve our natural and developed resources. Here are some of the things we do to be environmentally responsible:

- Recycle 800-900 yards of landscape debris annually
- Partner with other organizations to remove invasive species weeds and protect sensitive riparian areas along the river
- Converted lining of sports fields from aerosol cans to diluted water based paint
- Plant thousands of native pines for Arbor Week annually while teaching children about the importance of planting trees
- Outdoor programs teach children Leave No Trace skills
- Use central computerized water management systems to monitor irrigation use
- Use organic fertilizers in river front parks, sports fields and recreation sites
- Designed new district office to be energy efficient (received LEED certification)
- Received Eco-Logical certification through DEQ for mechanic shop operations
- Received Eco-Logical certification through DEQ for Landscape operations reducing fertilizer applications by 25% in the last three years
- Purchases 50% renewable power (wind energy) from Blue Sky
- Converting dog waste station bags to bio degradable bags
- Newer parks have 100% recycled rubber content surfacing in playgrounds and native landscaping
- Aging lighting and air handling pumps at JSFC have been replaced for energy efficiency
- Recycle aluminum, plastic and paper products in parks and facilities

We are always looking for ways to make healthy environmental choices. We hope it encourages other organizations and government agencies to do so also.

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