

Public Works Wins the Green



An LA County Public Works program that educates thousands of students about protecting and improving the

environment has been honored with a 2012 Green Leadership Award from the Board of Supervisors.

The Generation Earth Service Learning program was recognized for its outstanding community energy conservation and environmental efforts.

Public Works developed the Generation Earth Service Learning program in response to a State mandate to educate secondary school-aged students on how to protect and improve the environment.

The program integrates community service with academic study to enrich learning, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities. Students engage in real-life problem solving by identifying environmental concerns on campus and finding and implementing solutions.

The program provides curriculum support, field trip assistance, connection to community resources, and assistance to ensure school administration buy-in.

Generation Earth serves middle and high schools, both public and private, in Los Angeles County. Last year, more than 330 teachers at 217 schools participated in projects. To learn more about the Generation Earth program, go to www.generationearth.com.



LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman, presents LA County Public Works Director Gail Farber (far right) and Generation Earth program managers Kimberly Lyman and Edna Gandarilla with a 2012 Green Leadership Award for outstanding community energy conservation and environmental efforts.