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**Proposed Award for Excellence in Sustainability  
(Incorporated comments from JCOS members, Jim Powell)**

**Purpose:** The Award for Excellence in Sustainability (AES) is an annual award that recognizes and celebrates outstanding community projects, plans, policies, individuals, government agencies, and organizations dedicated to supporting Juneau as a sustainable community.

In keeping with the sustainability concept, one or more awards may be given in the following areas (1 - 9) below.

**Sustainability Achievement Areas**

1. **Resilient Economy** – Projects that help grow a strong, local economy and provide opportunities for households to improve their quality of life through education and employment.
2. **Climate Change and Adaptation** – Projects that reduce greenhouse gases or adapt to the impacts from climate change.
3. **Energy and Built Environment** – Projects that conserve energy and promote renewable energy or use building design to enhance the environment.
4. **Public Policy / Institutional** – Projects or processes that increase energy efficiency and are innovative in one or several of the Sustainability Achievement Areas (1 -3, 5-7).
5. **Natural Systems** – Projects that support Juneau’s healthy ecosystems.
6. **Sustainable Transportation** – Projects that encourage multimodal travel options – walking, biking, carpooling, transit combined with safer streets.
7. **Waste Reduction**- Projects that reduce waste by thoughtful procurement of materials and keep materials out of Juneau’s landfill through reuse, composting and recycling.
8. **Food Security** - Projects that increase local food production through innovation, accessibility, and marketing.
9. **Public and Community Health** – Projects that support community building and personal connections.

## **Selection and Award Process**

A Selection Committee will be formed consisting of a total of five members including: three Juneau Commission on Sustainability members, a member from the public, and one Assembly Member. The committee will review applications using the criteria below and will then make recommendations to the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly's Human Resources Committee (HRC). The HRC will review and make a decision on candidate/s to forward to the full Assembly.

Awards would be announced by the Assembly at a convenient location and event such as an Assembly Meeting or public event such as the JEDC Annual Innovations Conference or an Earth Day celebration.

## **Award Criteria**

The Selection Committee will consider the relevance of each project or process to contemporary challenges facing the local, regional, state, and global community. Of particular importance is education or knowledge transfer, responsiveness to climate change, inclusive use of technology, and the challenges that were addressed or overcome. The project should also show how the individual, business, agency or group took action to move sustainability forward.

## **Eligibility and Guidelines**

1. The AES is open to any individual or collaborative applications from Juneau resident, or entity (corporations, non-profits, government agency, organizations, etc.).
2. Applicants can nominate themselves, or by a third party.
3. Nominations should describe the project or initiative in progress or completed in \_\_\_\_\_ [include the year]
4. Individual students, school groups or clubs, and community youth groups may nominate themselves and must have a sponsor 18 years or older.

## **Application**

An electronic application is required to be submitted to the CBJ City Clerk's Office. The application would include a one- or two-page description with attachments if applicable. Awards would be announced by the Assembly at a set time and convenient location and event such as an Assembly Meeting or public event such as the JEDC Annual Innovations Conference or Earth Day celebration.