



Department of  
**Environment & Conservation**



As we celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Tennessee Green Star Member Highlights, we have many recent partner accomplishments to highlight.

Just last month, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) welcomed our newest partner, Bridgestone APM. Dickson-based Bridgestone APM joins all five Tennessee Bridgestone facilities as Tennessee Green Star Partners.

TDEC Commissioner Dr. Shari Meghreblian stated that “industry does not have to sacrifice profit for environmental protection. When the two work together it can be a wonderful balance - the end result being a cleaner, more sustainable Tennessee. And that is something we all want.”

The Tennessee Green Star Partnership also honored two of its long-time champions at the recent Governor’s Environmental Stewardship Awards for their continued pursuit of excellence and sustainable performance: Bridgestone Warren County and General Motors in Spring Hill.

One of the most impactful projects at the Bridgestone Warren County Plant has been its investment in the Bridgestone Environmental Education Classroom & Habitat (BEECH), one of five environmental education programs at Bridgestone. The program incorporates interdisciplinary studies for students in grades pre-K through fifth in a hands-on classroom through environmental education and exposure to a 680-acre native landscape. Providing these educational experiences aims to inspire the next generation's interest in the natural environment.



- **48 Partners and growing**
- **Networking Sustainable Industries since 2012**
- **Members were honored at the Governor’s Environmental Stewardship Awards**




General Motors at Spring Hill, along with all General Motors facilities world-wide, are constantly working to achieve zero-waste-to-landfill and reduce the impact of their vehicles on the environment. The GM facility at Spring Hill recycled over 60,000 tons of material this year, which included difficult-to-manage items like paint solvents and electronics.

In 2017, the industry partners of the Tennessee Green Star Partnership achieved some impressive metrics such as; the diversion of over 160,000 tons of materials from the landfill, saving nearly 13 million dollars in operational costs through materials reductions or energy conservation, and reducing or eliminating over 340 tons of hazardous waste.

We have learned a great deal about the work and dedication it takes to be a truly sustainable industry in Tennessee from our partners. The industries that have been featured this past year make everything from faucets to fiberglass, specialty tires and brake systems. Though our partners produce a variety of products at numerous locations across the state, commitment to the goal of a sustainable Tennessee continues to be a common thread for every company in the partnership.

As we close out the sixth year of the partnership, the Office of Policy and Sustainable Practices takes this opportunity to once again thank our partners for all that they do.

The [Tennessee Green Star Partnership](#) is a voluntary environmental leadership program designed to recognize industries in the state that are committed to sustainable practices. If you are interested in joining the partnership, please contact us.

The following Green Star Partners joined this year:

Akebono Brake Corporation	Clarksville, TN
Bridgestone APM Company	Dickson, TN
Bridgestone Metalpha USA	Clarksville, TN
Ceco Door Products	Milan, TN
Firestone Industrial Products	Dyersburg, TN
Ideal Clamp Products	Smyrna, TN
Owens Corning	Cleveland, TN
Owens Corning	Springfield, TN
Trane	Clarksville, TN

We offer a convenient review of the industries featured in our article series this year below:



[Bridgestone Warren County](#)



[Bridgestone LaVergne](#)



[Owens Corning Springfield](#)



[Ideal Clamps](#)



[Delta Faucet](#)



[Akebono](#)



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