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The Tennessee Green Star Partnership: All in Good Company

Recently, Robert Martineau, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, welcomed our newest partners, Nissan Smyrna and Nissan Decherd, into the Tennessee Green Star Partnership.

During the ceremony, where both facilities received their flags and certificates, Commissioner Martineau said, "It is my strong view that protecting the environment and promoting prosperity are not mutually exclusive. The true notion of balance comes when a cleaner, safer more sustainable environment goes hand in hand with economic prosperity and improved quality of life for the citizens of Tennessee."

One year ago this month, the Office of Sustainable Practices began this series of articles to highlight the unique accomplishments of our partners to fulfill the balance that Commissioner Martineau spoke of.

In 2016, the industry partners of the Tennessee Green Star Partnership achieved some impressive metrics such as; the diversion of over 100,000 tons of materials from the landfill, saving nearly 5 million dollars in operational costs through materials reductions or energy conservation, and reducing or eliminating nearly 90 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. The industries that have been featured have varied from manufacturers of ice cream and iron skillets to recliners and complex automotive parts. Though our partners could not be more varied and different, commitment to the goal of a sustainable Tennessee has been the same in every company featured.

TGSP Highlights- August 1st Anniversary Edition 2017



- Established 2012
- 40 Partners and growing

The Office of Sustainable Practices takes this opportunity, at the first anniversary of this article series, 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, who are committed to sustainable practices. If you are interested in joining the partnership, please contact us.

We offer a convenient review of the featured industries this year below:



[**American Snuff Co., Memphis: The Business of Being Sustainable**](#)



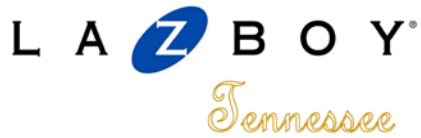
[**DENSO Manufacturing Athens Tennessee, Inc.: Realizing a Sustainable Automotive Society**](#)



[**DENSO Manufacturing of Tennessee, Inc.: Realizing a Sustainable Automotive Society**](#)



[**Exedy America Corporation: Focusing on the Basics**](#)



[La Z Boy: Comfortable with Sustainability](#)



[Lodge: Quality, Integrity, Sustainability](#)



[SumiRiko Tennessee, Inc.: Different Name, Same Commitment](#)



[Tuff Torq: Driving Toward a Sustainable Planet](#)



[Unilever: Making Sustainable Living Commonplace](#)



[Valmont-Newmark: Supporting Sustainable Infrastructure](#)



[ZF TRW: The Economics of Sustainability](#)