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Winners of the Inaugural Green for Life Award Announced at Congress 2010

Toronto, ONTARIO - The winners of the inaugural Green for Life Award were announced January 13, at Tailgate Party XIV at Congress, Canada's largest international, horticultural lawn and garden trade show and conference.

In the category of contractor the winner is [Appleby Landscaping](#), Milton, ON.; [Lemkey Landscape Design Ltd.](#), Winnipeg, MB, was the winner in the design category and [Clintar Landscape Management](#) of Mount Hope, Ont. took the winner's prize in the lawn care category.

The Green for Life Award was created to promote, recognize and reward environmentally responsible companies in the horticulture, landscape construction and design industry. Winners were drawn from participants completing the Environmental Scorecard, a tool developed by Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association, allowing green industry businesses to rate their environmental practices and benchmark for future improvements. There were over 472 entries, including over 287 from Ontario alone. Participants scored an average of 75.3% nationally and 70.3% in Ontario.

"We are extremely pleased that Appleby Landscape, Lemkey Landscape Design and Clintar Landscape Management are the recipients of the Green for Life Award," said Nathan Helder, chairman of Landscape Ontario's Environmental Stewardship Committee and awards judge. "Their dedication to environmental practices is a life-long commitment, and reflects a growing trend towards environmental stewardship that is not time bound. Environmental assessments are a tool that businesses can use annually to make continuous, incremental improvements and become even more environmentally responsible."

With over 25 years experience in landscape design Lemkey Landscape and Design provides consultation services and complete landscape installation to their clients. "I am very honoured to have received this award", said Keith Lemkey, President. "We didn't start out thinking our actions were 'green'. We started looking for ways of disposing our unwanted materials in a manner that was cost effective and the end result was more recycling of materials and less in landfills", he continued.

Part of Landscape Ontario's public mission, Green for Life, promotes the joys and benefits of plants and green spaces. The new award program was open to all sectors of the landscape trade industry across Canada. It was designed to raise awareness and recognize those in the industry whose actions demonstrate continuous improvement in environmental stewardship, including responsible environmental practices in the management and operations of these businesses.

Turf Revolution, a recognized industry leader in supplying residential, commercial and municipal customers with innovative products, sponsored the Green for Life Awards. "Turf Revolution is happy to join Landscape Ontario in celebrating businesses that see sustainable opportunities and embrace green initiatives and innovation," said Tammy Lawrence, president, Turf Revolution, Ayr, Ont.

About Congress 2010 and Partners:

Congress, held January 12-14, at the Toronto Congress Centre, is Canada's largest international, horticultural, lawn and garden trade show and conference. Over 10,500 delegates attend this annual education and product focused event to enhance their business skills, technical expertise and to network with other industry professionals. For more information visit www.locongress.com



Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association is one of the most vibrant associations of its kind, comprised of over 2,000 members, ten sector groups and nine local chapters. Its trade mission is to promote the horticulture industry in Ontario, and its public mission is to promote the joys and benefits of green spaces.



The Canadian Fence Industry Association is a non-profit organization representing contractors, retailers, agents, wholesalers and manufacturers of fence products and services. They are dedicated to representing high construction standards as well as a high level of ethical business behavior in a competitive market place.



The Ontario Parks Association is a registered charity organization that is devoted to bringing together those people who are interested in the development and protection of parks and green spaces. The OPA is committed to educate park professionals and enable them to meet or exceed industry standards while actively advocating for the protection and enhancement of parks and open spaces. Our motto "Protecting Tomorrow Today" is a commitment to civic beautification and the advancement, protection and conservation of parks, open space and the environment in the province of Ontario.



Communities in Bloom Ontario is a non-profit Canadian organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community participation and the challenge of a friendly competition. The Communities in Bloom program helps inspire communities to enhance and sustain the visual appeal of neighbourhoods, public spaces, parks and streetscapes through the imaginative use of regionally-appropriate flowers, plants, trees and landscaping. A focus on the preservation of heritage and cultural assets with attention to environmental stewardship is an integral part of its success resulting in an improved quality of life for all.



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