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Congratulations to the 2024 FSC Leadership Award Winners!



What do paper towels, tribal leaders collaborating with engineering students, a board game, and 1 million acres of forest managed by a community-based non-profit have in common? They are all winners of a 2024 FSC Leadership Award!

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), the world's most trusted forest certification system, is proud to recognize how this year's winners demonstrate advancement in sustainable forest management and forest conservation for organizational success.

Says Sarah Billig, FSC US President, "These remarkable organizations are leading the charge from forest stewardship to final product, inspiring us all with their commitment to responsible forest management. Their work sets a powerful example for sustainable practices across the entire supply chain, paving the way for a future where forests and the people who depend on them thrive for generations to come."

Read more about the 2024 FSC Leadership Award Winners:

- **Elk Creek Forest Products** for being the largest and longest-standing supplier of FSC-certified Douglas Fir construction materials in the Pacific Northwest.
- **Green Diamond Resource Company – California Timberlands** for producing over 1-billion board feet of FSC certified logs since obtaining certification in 2013 on 440,662 acres of predominately Redwood and Douglas-fir forests in California.
- **Kruger Products Inc.** for Bonterra household paper products, made in Canada with 100% FSC-certified recycled paper and wrapped in recyclable, plastic-free paper packaging.
- **Life in Reterra by Hasbro, Inc. board game**, which incorporates strong sustainability themes and artwork that are relatable and resonate with both parents and children. All paper and wood used in Life in Reterra are FSC-certified.
- **Menominee Tribal Enterprises and the Milwaukee School of Engineering for collaborating on The Giving Forest Game**, a video game that teaches players about sustainable forestry. It can be downloaded by scanning the QR code at www.mtewood.com on the home page.
- **Model No.** furniture company for their regenerative manufacturing processes, uses only FSC-certified or reclaimed hardwoods, and non-toxic materials in all of their products.
- **The Ross Foundation**, an Arkansas charitable trust that supports philanthropic programs by revenue generated from its timberland. Established in 1966, they have given over \$22m through their grants program.
- **Villanti Printers**, FSC-certified in 2005, became the first certified printer in Vermont and the ninth in North America. Villanti has one of Vermont's largest solar arrays and recycles over 175 tons of material annually.
- **Westwind Forest Stewardship, Inc.**, a not-for-profit forest management company governed by a community-based Board of Directors, including Indigenous, and FSC-certified in 2002. The French-Severn Forest was the first forest on Crown land in Ontario to be certified.

In addition, the following building projects were awarded a 2024 FSC Leadership Award:

- **Centennial College, DIALOG, Smoke Architecture**, and **EllisDon** for 100% FSC-certified mass timber in the A-Building Expansion Project at Centennial College, a 133,000 square foot, LEED Gold, WELL-certified higher education building in Scarborough, Ontario.
 - **Muhlenberg College, Re:Vision Architecture**, and **The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company** for **Fahy Commons for Public Engagement and Innovation**. Achieving Living Future Core Green Building Certification, 98% of wood products are FSC-certified or were intentionally harvested and reused onsite in the first new building project on the Muhlenberg campus since 2006.
 - **West Penn Energy Fund, Moshier Studio**, and **Inscale Architects** for **Six&Kane**, a renovation of a 100+ year old vacant building in Kane, PA. The interior of the building features 100% locally sourced and milled FSC-certified hardwood maple flooring, trim, stairs, handrails, and customized cabinetry. Six&Kane earned Passive House EnerPHit Plus.
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