

# Local Gems Nomination Form

“Local Gems” is a program hosted by the Coeur d’Alene Chamber of Commerce Natural Resources Committee in partnership with the Coeur d’Alene Lake Management Team (Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and the Coeur d’Alene Tribe). Our purpose is to recognize those in the Coeur d’Alene Basin taking positive steps to protect our water quality (e.g. low impact development, water quality education, using proper Best Management Practices near local waters). If you know a person, business, or organization deserving recognition, please fill out the information below and submit the form to:

Local Gems  
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**Name of Nominee:**

Affiliation:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

**Your Name:**

Affiliation:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

**Please select one or more of the following criteria that qualify this individual/business/organization, and provide a summary of the qualifying criteria (refer to the attached page for more examples of activities that may qualify for Local Gems recognition).**

**Employee training and involvement in reducing waste and pollution and other issues that, if not managed, may degrade water quality in the Coeur d'Alene Basin and ultimately Coeur d'Alene Lake**

**Leadership in promoting stewardship of natural resources and water quality protection**

**Conservation of natural resources (practices that reduce waste and excessive water use and reduce likelihood of contributing polluted runoff to surface or groundwater)**

The following examples provide ideas of activities that would qualify for recognition as a “Local Gem.” This is not an all-inclusive list, and other submissions are encouraged.

**Employee training and involvement in reducing waste/pollution and protecting water bodies examples:**

- *Spill prevention and response training*
- *Stormwater and erosion control training*
- *Identification and prevention of aquatic invasive species training*
- *Providing incentives for employees to attend such classes and workshops*
- *Allowing employees to attend trainings and workshops related to water quality protection on the job*



**Leadership in promoting stewardship of natural resources and water quality protection examples:**

- *Making educational resources related to Best Management Practices available to the public*
- *Implementing innovative stormwater management techniques*
- *Participating in, or sponsoring, activities that promote water quality protection*
- *Teaching classes/workshops to children or adults*
- *Offering discounts on items that help water quality (low/no phosphorus soaps, etc.)*
- *Participating in research efforts or citizen science related to water quality*



**Conservation of natural resources examples:**

- *Using low-flow toilets or other fixtures*
- *Maintaining a xeriscape (landscaping that minimizes the need for fertilizers, pesticides, and watering)*
- *Using gray water to irrigate*
- *Adapting activities near water bodies to reduce potential impacts (no phosphorus fertilizer, minimizing clearing areas, maintaining vegetation to stabilize soils during construction, etc.)*
- *Washing vehicles at a car wash facility or using phosphate-free soap on a vegetated area to allow infiltration*
- *Proper waste management (solid waste, recycling, human and pet waste, hazardous waste, etc.)*
- *Volunteer efforts for water quality protection (planting vegetation along streams or shorelines)*
- *Leaving vegetative filter areas along waterways.*
- *Using fueling bibs and other products to prevent spills and pollution*