



King County

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Sims honors Rep. Norm Dicks, 13 others with Green Globe Awards for environmental achievement

UW's Climate Impacts Group cited for global warming research

Congressman Norm Dicks' three-decade-long effort to safeguard the health of Puget Sound has earned Washington's senior legislator King County's highest environmental award.

County Executive Ron Sims today honored Rep. Dicks and 13 other individuals, groups and businesses with Green Globe Awards at an awards ceremony at The Mountaineers Club in Seattle.

Reflecting King County's growing emphasis on preparing for and mitigating against the harmful effects of global warming, Sims honored the University of Washington Climate Impacts Group with a Green Globe Award.

The Climate Impacts Group received the "Leader in Climate Science Award" for its work in the field of climate science in the public interest, working to understand the consequences of natural climate variability and human-caused global warming for the people and resources of the Pacific Northwest.

"The commitment and innovation of the people and organizations that we are recognizing today show me that we really can have a cleaner, healthier environment and that we can reduce, and prepare for, the impacts of global warming," Sims said.

"By developing strong partnerships and working together, we will be able to turn the tide of environmental degradation so that we leave our children the legacy of a healthy region where they can live, work and play."

The Green Globe Award is King County's highest honor for businesses, organizations and individuals who have gone the extra mile in environmental stewardship and have participated in Department of Natural Resources and Parks programs.



Hosted by KIRO TV's Penny LeGate, the theme of this year's awards ceremony was "Imagine the world if..."

Representative Dicks was presented with King County's "Environmental Catalyst Award" for his extraordinary effort in bringing people of diverse interests together to solve environmental problems.

"Congressman Dicks has proven to be one of Puget Sound's most-stalwart supporters, and a great friend to King County," Sims said. "His work to elevate the restoration of Puget Sound and its fish and wildlife to a level of national significance is just the latest in a public service career that is studded with such tremendous accomplishments."

2007 Green Globe Award winners are:

Boulder Park, Inc. – Leader in Biosolids Recycling Award

Climate Impacts Group – Leader in Climate Science Award

Doreen Johnson – Leader in Forest and Wildlife Protection Award

Haven Illustrated LLC – Leader in Hazardous Waste Reduction and Sustainable Business Practices Award

Mikron Industries Inc. – Leader in Industrial Waste Reduction Award

Recovery 1, Inc. – Leader in Market Development of Recycled Materials Award

Mark Sollitto – Leader in Open Space Conservation Award

GE Water & Process Technologies – Leader in Reclaimed Water Award

Sea-Dru-Nar Recycling – Leader in Waste Prevention and Recycling Award

Murray LLC – Leader in Resource Management Award

Federal Way Public Schools – Leader in Sustainable Schools Award

The Cottage Company – Leader in Sustainable Building Award

Terry Lavender – Leader in Water Quality Protection Award

Complete descriptions of King County's 2007 Green Globe winners are available online at <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/dnrp/green-globe-award/>.

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