

3. All sustainability projects cross boundaries. In addition to the category chosen, explain how this project addresses all three legs of sustainability: Environmental Resilience, Social/Quality of Life, and Economic Vitality.

4. What kind of challenges are overcome or addressed by this project? How does it provide solutions to the issue addressed and advance sustainability principles and programs?

5. Optional: Include supplementary materials such as digital images, advertisements, photos, articles, etc.

Selection Process: The Sustainability Council serves as the selection committee. Winners will be notified in July and will be invited to accept their award at a combined award event on September 26th at the McCrory Gardens Visitor Center.

Award Criteria:

Categories: The project/initiative must meet at least one of the following project achievement areas:

- Environmental Resilience
- Social/Quality of Life
- Economic Vitality
- Sustainability Leadership/Innovative Best Practices
- Triple Bottom Line

Has a Positive Impact: The project/initiative must have a meaningful and demonstrable impact in Brookings by helping protect the environment or enhance the quality of life for residents.

Embraces Innovation/Creativity: The project/initiative should reflect a new concept, technology, or practice in Brookings and should employ new or improved ideas in the industry.

Overcomes Challenges and Barriers: The businesses and organizations nominated should be able to explain what challenges were overcome.

Transferable: The projects/initiative should be able to be replicated by others in similar situations.

Demonstrates Personal Initiative: The projects/initiatives should reflect how the business or organization took action to move sustainability forward in their position or community.

Please submit nominations via email to jmeshke@cityofbrookings.org or by mailing to the Assistant to the City Manager, Sustainability Council, City & County Government Center, 520 Third Street, Suite 230, Brookings, SD 57006. The winners of the Mayor's Sustainability Awards will be recognized at a combined award event on **Thursday, September 26 at the McCrory Gardens Visitor Center.**