



Cahaba
River
Society

CRS WATERSHED CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

2023

About CRS's Watershed Conservation Development Awards

The Cahaba River Society believes that restoring the Cahaba and safeguarding our drinking water supplies can be achieved through transforming the way developments are designed and built. Our annual Watershed Conservation Development awards demonstrate the value of collaborative relationships with many partners to guide and promote development that protects and restores the Cahaba watershed.

Since 2007 CRS has given annual awards recognizing projects in our region that conserve water resources through:

- Environmental site design
- Effective construction best management practices
- LID (low impact development) or nature based solutions for post-construction stormwater practices
- Water harvesting and reuse
- Watershed restoration

These awards highlight model projects and prove the feasibility, cost-effectiveness, and value of these practices to water resources. The awards also honor the stewardship commitment of firms that invest in these solutions and government leaders who support them, as well as the capability of project team members to deliver quality water-smart development.

Award Criteria

- Project demonstrates innovative design to restore, protect, or conserve water resources through Low Impact Development post-construction stormwater management, environmental site design, excellence in construction stormwater management, drinking water efficiency, water reuse, and/or watershed restoration.
- Project is completed and proven. Completed phase of larger project is eligible if water-smart value can be demonstrated.
- Located within the Cahaba watershed (Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, Bibb, Dallas and Perry County, generally) or Birmingham metro area
- We are especially interested in projects that are influential in leadership for green building for our region, that have educational value, and that can demonstrate the economic value of water-smart approaches.

Application & Selection Process

Please provide the attached project information, accompanied by up to 4 images (photographs, site plans, etc). Your brevity will help us review your nomination! Submit electronically (PDF, MSWord or JPG files), **submission deadline January 18th, 2023** to: Ben Wegleitner, River Sustainability Director, benw@cahabariversociety.org. With questions contact Ben via email, or call 205-322-5326 ext 412. Selection will be by a committee of CRS Board members and staff. **Awards will be given at the Cahaba River Society Annual Meeting on Thursday, February 9th, from 5:30 to 8:00.** Awardees will be notified in advance and will be our honored guests at the meeting. CRS seeks media coverage to celebrate the awardees.

PAST AWARD-WINNING PROJECTS

Over the past 10 years, CRS has honored 119 firms, institutions and governments for designing and delivering 25 water projects that meet growth goals while also protecting and restoring water resources.

2018

UAB Express Parking Lot #4
City of Vestavia Hills Meadowlawn Park

2017

Crowne at the Cahaba Apartments

2016

Trussville Civitan Park Cahaba Restoration

2015

Greenwood Park on Village Creek Univ. of Alabama in
Birmingham Water Recovery Program

2013

Children's of Alabama Expansion Project
The Dunn Building Company Office
B.L. Harbert International Office & Warehouse

2012

Railroad Reservation Park Stormwater System
Alabama Power Company Water Efficiency Retrofit
Birmingham-Southern College Lakeview Residence Hall
Samford University Shades Creek Restoration

2011

The Shops of Grand River
Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest
Little Shades Creek Restoration
St. Vincent's Birmingham Water Efficiency Retrofit

2010

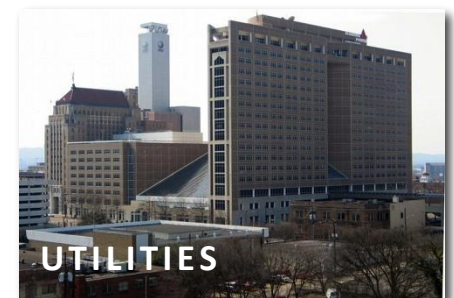
Ruffner Mountain Nature Center
Birmingham-Southern College Urban Environment Park

2009

Bass Pro Shops
Stewart Perry Company Headquarters
Brasfield and Gorrie Headquarters Expansion



LID bioswales, parking and roads saved money for Bass Pro and reduced its footprint, preserving forests and providing park areas for customers.



Alabama Power Co. reuses groundwater and stormwater for cooling and landscape irrigation and installed water efficient fixtures. This retrofit saves money, energy & enough water for 100 homes per year.



Hewitt-Trussville High School used many LID and environmental site design practices, including woodland parking.



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Project Nomination Form

Project Name:

Nominator and Contact Information:

Name:

Company/agency:

Telephone

Email:

Project Location. Please provide sufficient information so that we may visit the project

Project completion date (or completion of project as phase of larger project)

Development Team (lead and partners):

Project Design & Construction Team (e.g. firms and lead person for each firm involved in design and implementation of water-smart practices - engineering, landscape architecture, architecture, construction BMP's, contractor, equipment providers, etc):

Supportive Agencies (Any government agencies directly involved in delivering project through funding, planning or other partnership):

Describe the water-smart features of this development. Include any demonstration of reduced stormwater volume/pollutants, water saved, etc. May be illustrated with site plans, photographs, web link, etc.

How is this project potentially influential to promote water-smart development? (e.g. influential in leadership for green building for our region, has educational value, has demonstrated the economic value and other values of water-smart approaches.)