

Marin County IPM Achievement Award

Focus: Integrated pest management (IPM) is a process used to solve pest problems while minimizing risks to people and the environment. IPM can be used to manage all kinds of pests anywhere—in urban, agricultural and natural areas. The Marin County Board of Supervisors adopted an IPM policy in 1983, followed by IPM Ordinance No. 3598 in 1998. These documents govern and guide management of pests on property owned, managed, and leased by the County. A key purpose of the ordinance is to “Expand our IPM and best management practices with the goal of eliminating the use of pesticides.”

Intent: The Marin County Integrated Pest Management Commission recognizes individuals and organizations that demonstrate innovation, knowledge, skill, leadership, inspiration, and / or courage in pursuing new systems of pest management that result in reduction in pesticide use within Marin County. The Commission may recognize up to two individuals and / or organizations per year that meet the eligibility and selection criteria.

Eligibility:

- Marin County staff, contractors, volunteers, community leaders, commercial property owners, schools, non-profit organizations, landscape workers and pest control applicators, retailers, residents
- Demonstrated sustained actions and / or efforts for a minimum of two years
- Has not been a recipient of the award within the last three years

Selection Criteria (Three or more):

- Developed and implemented imaginative ideas, new ways of doing things
- Found ways to make the most out of existing resources
- Questioned existing assumptions and beliefs; encouraged people to think, or alternative ways of doing things with demonstrable results
- Considered constraints that limited innovation; worked within constraints to create novel approaches
- Showed a commitment to applying innovative techniques to their specific circumstances and sharing their experience with others
- Increased the public's understanding of IPM through scientific discovery, innovation, and its communication to the public
- Encouraged others to help raise public understanding of IPM
- Promoted engagement of scientists, environmental experts, IPM experts, public health and animal health experts in public outreach
- Fostered awareness of IPM among broad segments of the population
- Championed changes in knowledge, awareness, and/or behavior related to pesticide use