

# Marin County IPM Achievement Award Process

## The Award

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 below. Anyone can submit a nomination for an IPM Achievement Award. [Click here](#) to submit an on-line nomination form. Learn more about IPM [here](#). Awardees can have worked on IPM projects that span multiple years, or a single shorter-term project that has taken place before October 31 of this year. [Click here](#) for information on past awardees.

## 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

Nominees should meet a minimum of three of the criteria listed below:

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

## Nominees

Nominees can be an individual(s) or organization(s) that may be exemplary in IPM methods and applications in the field and/or in leadership, advocacy, and education. For example, nominees may follow [IPM principles and processes](#) to prevent pests or damage, have decreased or stopped the use of pesticides, or decreased the toxicity (e.g., [signal word](#)) of any pesticide(s) used.

In the nomination information you provide:

- Ensure that ample background is provided to identify the individual(s)/organization(s) and their role(s).

- Summarize the IPM process undertaken, for example, all efforts prior to any use of pesticides.
- Include, as feasible and appropriate:
  - Quantitative data (e.g., acres or square feet involved; amount of pests decreased as measured by...; pesticide use decreased or eliminated)
  - Qualitative information (increased community interest and participation in IPM practices as indicated by...; types of target pests affected; increased food and shelter provided to beneficials; conditions changed to decrease pest pressure; benefits achieved in horticultural or food crops).

### **Process**

- Nominations for the IPM Achievement Award are accepted via the on-line application form [on the Marin County IPM website](#) late July through October.
- IPM Commission forms a subcommittee to review nomination forms and make recommendations for award winners for the full commission to vote on.
- Awards are presented to winners at the IPM Commission meeting.

### **Timeline**

- July 24, 2021: IPM Commission Meeting – Award Nominations open
- October 23, 2021: IPM commission meeting - Award subcommittee formed
- October 30, 2021: IPM Award Nominations closed
- January 22, 2021: IPM commission meeting - IPM Commission approves 2021 award winner
- April 23, 2022: IPM Commission Meeting – 2021 IPM Achievement award ceremony

### **Recent Award Winners:**

- 2020 - [Marin County Open Space and Parks Volunteer Program Coordinators Greg Reza and Kirk Schroeder](#)
- 2019 - [Community Activist Barbara Bogard](#)
- 2018 - [Community Activist Frank Egger](#)
- 2017 – [McInnis Golf Course Superintendent Pablo Rosales](#)

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