



*Awards Program*

*October 5, 2021*

# *SWANA*

## *Ohio Buckeye Chapter*

# Overview

The SWANA Ohio Buckeye  
Chapter Annual Awards Program

17<sup>th</sup> Year.



James S. Bridges  
Solid Waste  
Professional of the  
Year Award



Kevin M. Bonzo Solid  
Waste Innovator  
Award



Solid Waste Operator  
Award



Young Professional  
of the Year



Safety in Excellence  
Award



Non-Member  
Recognition



Dedicated Service Awards



*Michael  
Greenberg*  
*GT Environmental, Inc.*



## *James S. Bridges Solid Waste Professional of the Year*

“a solid waste professional that has provided valuable services and exemplary contributions to the Chapter and the field of solid waste management”

- Our award recipient worked across the State of Ohio and the nation in the solid waste and materials management industry for over 40 years
- He founded GT Environmental in 1995
- Our award recipient was one of the authors of Ohio’s first state solid waste management plan while working at Ohio EPA
- Provided environmental consulting services for Ohio and nationwide clients
- Developed numerous local solid waste management plans across Ohio
- Served as President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary for the Ohio Buckeye Chapter and SWANA’s national board, currently serving as Past President
- Our award recipient is now retired from GT and is enjoying the good life with his family and friends



*Summit County  
Reworks  
Household Hazardous  
Waste Recycling  
Center*



*Solid Waste Operator of the  
Year*

“an operator in the field of solid waste management who has demonstrated unusually noteworthy achievements and/or highly significant contributions to the solid waste management industry”

- Our award recipient developed Ohio’s first permanent household hazardous waste recycling facility in 1996
- The HHWRC completed its 26<sup>th</sup> year of service to the residents of Summit County with 960 days of operation
- Services between 8,000 and 12,000 homes each year
- Provides opportunity to educate participants
- Recycles 80% of all HHW material accepted
- To date has collected 7,500+ HHW tons, 93,000 tires, 2,000 gallons of cooking oil and 1,380 tons of scrap metal from 196,600 participants since 1996
- Other operations our award recipient conducts includes document shredding, commercial food waste collection and commercial single stream collection



## *Solid Waste Young Professional of the Year*

“an individual in the solid waste industry, aged 35 or younger, who demonstrates passion for the environment, industry, and success; provides advice, ideas, and solutions; contributes to innovations, programs, and projects; and represents the next generation of SWANA”

### *Jacob Brand* *Ashland County Solid Waste Management District*



- Our award recipient is the District Coordinator for the Ashland County Solid Waste Management District, which is the largest geographic county solid waste district in Ohio
- Developed comprehensive recycling drop-off program throughout Ashtabula County
- Operates and manages a recycling transfer station
- LEADERship Ashtabula County graduate
- Recently promoted to Director of Ashtabula County Community Services and Planning
- Develops and writes all Community Development Block Grants for County



*Erica Wright*  
*Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne*  
*Recycling District*



## *Excellence in Safety Award*

“ a solid waste professional that implements or develops significant or innovative safety improvements, assists in the prevention of accidents, demonstrates passion for safety, and/or provides advice and solutions in a safe manner”

- Our award recipient implemented and manages a comprehensive safety program for a recycling drop-off collection program for its drivers and operators
- The safety program includes the use of the Lytx Fleet and Compliance Management System, which our award recipient pioneered for their recycling drop off program
- Lytx uses in cab cameras and other sensors to monitor potential safety issues and events
- Our award recipient conducts coaching and training to increase safety
  - 81% reduction in frequency of events
  - 79% reduction in severity of events
  - 31% of Drivers with no coachable events in last 90 days
  - Safety metrics are significantly below waste industry averages for events
- 2021 Lytx Coach of the Year, second place in the nation



# *Cher Mohring*

*Hamilton County Recycling*



## ***Non-Member Recognition***

“a solid waste professional, government agency, non-profit organization, or company who has demonstrated unusually noteworthy achievements and/or highly significant contributions to the management of solid waste in Ohio”

- Our award recipient has over 14 years of experience advocating for conservation of natural resources and reducing waste generation
- Our award recipient works with Hamilton County schools to reduce waste and provide education on recycling
- She has developed food sharing tables with local schools
- She also advised the Ohio Department of Health on school food share table programs
- Our award recipient administers grants for community composting and recycling throughout Hamilton County
- Oversees HHW program for Hamilton County

# *Ohio Buckeye Chapter Service Awards*

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## ***Service Awards***

“Recognize Outgoing Ohio Buckeye Chapter Board Members and President ”

- Tim Gourley – Outgoing President (2020-2021)
- Ed Newman – Outgoing Board Member (2016-2021)
- Karen Luken – Outgoing Board Member (2014-2021)
- Rob Smith – Outgoing Board Member (2018-2021)



# *Thank You!*

Keep an eye out for next year's  
award nomination instructions in  
January!

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Increased  
Professionalism



Environmental,  
Economic, & Effective  
Waste Mgmt. Systems



Cooperative  
Atmosphere