



# Delaware River and Bay Authority

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### Delaware River and Bay Authority Recognized for Environmental Sustainability

**NEW CASTLE, Del.** – The Delaware River and Bay Authority was recently honored with the Northeast Recycling Council’s (NERC) Environmental Sustainability Leadership Award at NERC’s 2019 Fall Conference held in Providence, Rhode Island.

The Northeast Recycling Council (NERC) presented its 2019 Environmental Sustainability Leadership Awards to three outstanding programs in the northeast region. Each of the winners was selected for its particularly high level of environmental achievement that supports NERC’s mission. Awards were presented to:

- ) Advisory Member Award - the Delaware River & Bay Authority’s (DRBA) Regional Environmental Leadership and Enhanced Recycling Program
- ) Public Sector award - Danvers, Massachusetts Recycling Contamination Reduction Campaign.
- ) Private Sector award - The Armstrong® Ceilings Recycling Program

“We’re pleased that NERC recognized our efforts to enhance our recycling program and materials management practices,” said Al Fralinger, Environmental Compliance & Safety Manager for the DRBA. “It’s a credit to our employees who have embraced our environmental sustainability efforts and to our partners for their assistance in building on past successes. We will continue to pursue opportunities and initiatives that reduce our carbon footprint, having positive impact on our environment.”

The DRBA was recognized for the following:

- Partnered with Waste Management to provide recycling containers to each employee and rolled out new and enhanced recycling practices across all of its facilities.
- Expanded environmentally preferable purchasing practices, including furnishing the Lewes, Delaware ferry with 100% recycled plastic products, such as Adirondack chairs and picnic tables.
- Hosted three World Environmental Days in Delaware and New Jersey, promoting waste reduction, recycling, plastic and avoiding marine pollution.

**Photo Caption: Al Fralinger, DRBA Environmental Compliance & Safety Manager (right) accepts NERC’s Rick Watson, Delaware Solid Waste Authority CEO and NERC Board Officer. (Photo courtesy of Erin Walsh, Phlash Photography & Artistry.)**

#### About the Northeast Recycling Council

Eleven States united for environmentally sustainable materials management, NERC is a non-profit organization that conducts research, hands-on projects, training, and outreach on issues associated with

source reduction, recycling, composting, environmentally preferable purchasing, and decreasing the toxicity of the solid waste stream. For more information, please visit [www.nerc.org](http://www.nerc.org).

**About the Delaware River and Bay Authority**

The DRBA, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962, owns and operates the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May- Lewes Ferry, and the Forts Ferry Crossing. The DRBA also manages corporate and aviation properties through its economic development powers - two airports in New Jersey (Millville Airport and Cape May Airport) and three in Delaware (New Castle Airport, Civil Air Terminal and Delaware Airpark). All DRBA operating revenues are generated through the bridge, ferry and airport facilities. For more information, visit [www.drba.net](http://www.drba.net).