



# N.C. Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service

## N.C. Environmental Stewardship Initiative

*celebrating 15 years of excellence*

Our mission is to assist organizations in reducing their environmental impacts beyond regulatory requirements and recognize those that achieve and maintain this commitment.



### Benefits

- Networking opportunities
- Electronic newsletter
- Access to free training and webinars
- EMS assistance
- Coaches serve as a single point of contact within N.C. DEQ
- Annual ESI members meeting
- Recognition awards
- Stewards have an onsite ceremony with the N.C. DEQ Secretary
- Stewards are invited to a special face-to-face meeting with the N.C. DEQ Secretary

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### About

N.C. DEQ's Environmental Stewardship Initiative is designed to promote and encourage superior environmental performance in North Carolina. ESI is voluntary and available at no cost. This program seeks to reduce the impact on the environment beyond measures required by any permit or rule, producing a better environment, conserving natural resources and resulting in long-term economic benefits.

Any facility or organization looking to improve their environmental performance is eligible to apply to the program. Multi-site applications are only accepted at the Partner level.

All members are required to set environmental goals and report on their progress toward these goals yearly.

### Coaches

Every ESI member is assigned a coach, who serves as a single point of contact and can provide technical and ESI program assistance. The coaches are engineers, chemists and environmental specialists on staff in DEACS.

### Membership Levels

**Partner:** Designed for adoption by a broad range of organizations interested in beginning the process of developing a systematic approach to improving environmental performance.

**Rising Steward:** For organizations that have a mature environmental management system.

**Steward:** Organizations that already display a commitment to exemplary environmental performance beyond what is required by law.





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### Training

#### Environmental Management Systems

Formal EMS training is scheduled based on member interest. This is a series of 5 one-day modules in a group setting that provides information and exercises based on ISO 14001. At the end of the series, members will have the framework for an EMS ready to be implemented in their organization.

#### Internal Auditor Training

This one-day training begins by providing auditing techniques and summarizes by carrying out a mock audit to practice these new skills.

### Technical Services

- Technical and compliance assistance
- Waste, water, energy assessments
- Personalized on-site EMS assistance
- EMS gap analysis
- Internal audit assistance
- Waste sort assistance
- Facilitation assistance



### Members

There are more than 134 members across North Carolina.

### ESI Members Achieved

**315,000**

Tons of recycled material collected.

**8.6** Billion gallons of water saved.

**42,600**

Tons of landfilled waste reduced.

**73** Million mmBtus of electricity saved.

**61** Million dollars saved on projects.

Based on self reported data from 2004-2015

