



## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Homer Glen Community and Nature in Harmony Award - 2025

**Purpose:** To recognize an individual, business, group, or community organization, who through the creation of wildlife habitat or preservation, restoration, and/or beautification of land within the Village of Homer Glen, has demonstrated a commitment to the environment and, in the process, significantly contributed to community pride.

**Award Administration:** The Community and Nature in Harmony Award is a project of the Environment Committee of the Village of Homer Glen. In 2001, the Village of Homer Glen, by proclamation, established Homer Glen Lands Day as part of its recognition and support of National Public Lands Day. This year the date for National Public Lands Day and Homer Glen Lands Day is Saturday, September 27, 2025.

**Award Nomination Deadline:** Nominations will be accepted until **September 26, 2025**.

**Award Selection:** Recipients will be selected from each of the following categories: Individuals, Business/Developers, and Community Organizations/Government Agencies. A maximum of 12 projects will receive awards.

**Award Presentation:** Presentation of the awards will take place at a Homer Glen Board meeting.

### **Award Eligibility:**

- Individuals - all residents of Homer Glen and/or those who have contributed to the betterment of the environment of Homer Glen.
- Businesses and Developers - any commercial or industrial business working within the Village limits and/or contributing to the betterment of the environment of Homer Glen.
- Community Organizations and Government Agencies - any organization participating in Homer Glen including but not limited to youth groups, clubs, government agencies, churches, and schools.
- Village employees and members of Village committees are ineligible.

### **Some Suggestions and Ideas for a Nomination (not limited to these):**

- Promoting, organizing, or participating in neighborhood cleanups
- Coordinating educational programs
- Donating goods or services for an environmental program
- Planting trees, flowers, or native plants
- Encouraging others to maintain a cleaner and healthier environment
- Coordinating a recycling program
- Promoting an “Environmental Stewardship” philosophy
- Preservation or restoration activity or project
- Creation or protection of a wildlife habitat
- Promoting a rural atmosphere
- Protecting and maintaining our agricultural heritage
- Preservation of history related to the land
- Promotion of environmental awareness through writing/publishing activities

For additional information about Homer Glen Lands Day, please call the Village of Homer Glen at (708) 301-0632 or visit [www.homerglenil.org](http://www.homerglenil.org). Information about National Public Lands Day may be found at [www.publiclandsday.org](http://www.publiclandsday.org).

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**Check one:**    \_\_\_ Individual/Resident    \_\_\_ Business/Developer    \_\_\_ Community/Government Organization

The Village of Homer Glen and the Environment Committee honor people who have demonstrated their commitment to the environment through the creation of a wildlife habitat or preservation, restoration, and/or beautification of land within the Village or unincorporated Homer Township, and in the process have significantly contributed to community pride. In the space below, please tell us why your nominee(s) should be recognized with the Community and Nature in Harmony Award.

**Entry Guidelines:**

- Nominations may be submitted by an individual or group. Self-nominations are also eligible.
- This program also seeks persons who give back to our community through a volunteer project.
- There will be publicity surrounding the awards program. The winning entrants agree to the use of his or her name and likeness by the Village of Homer Glen for publicity purposes.
- All nominations must be submitted with a nomination form. **ALL PARTS OF THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED.** All projects must be completed. Supporting papers and photographs may be attached. Entries and photography will not be returned and will become the property of the Village.
- There is no fee to enter.
- Further information can be obtained by contacting the Village of Homer Glen at (708) 301-0632.

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| <b>Nominee Name:</b> |                |
| <b>Address:</b>      |                |
| <b>Phone:</b>        | <b>E-Mail:</b> |

**Explanation of Nomination:** Not limited to this space, please attach additional pages. In your description, please include detailed information about the specific project, how this project has impacted the community, how your nominee has contributed to the environment through the creation of a wildlife habitat or the preservation, restoration, and/or beautification of land within the Village.

Please describe in detail why your nominee should receive an award (additional information may be attached):

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| <b>One sentence summary (required):</b> |
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| <b>Your Name:</b> |                |
| <b>Address:</b>   |                |
| <b>Phone:</b>     | <b>E-Mail:</b> |

Nominated projects must have been completed by the **entry deadline**, which is **September 26, 2025**. Please send or deliver your nominations to: Dana Kahn, Village of Homer Glen, 14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491, or email to [dkahn@homerglenil.org](mailto:dkahn@homerglenil.org)