

National Park Service
2003 Environmental Achievement Awards
Honorable Mention

Green Committee
Homestead National Monument

In 2002, Homestead National Monument, a designated Center for Environmental Innovation, hosted an Environmental Exposition for the local community to highlight environmentally friendly and sustainable practices. The exposition was made possible by the formation of partnerships with many local and regional companies. Each of the participating companies highlighted their sustainable and green practices at the exposition.

In addition, the Monument itself provided excellent examples of sustainable practices for the exposition. Visitor bathrooms use sensors to activate water flow for the toilets and sinks and the lights are triggered by motion sensors. The visitor center staff use a wood burning stove during the winter months to heat portions of the Center. Geo-thermal heat pumps are used to heat and cool the visitor center. The parking lot and entrance sign have been fitted with photovoltaic panels for illumination. All exterior lighting has been fitted with bulbs that last for up to 12,000 hours.

This exposition will become an annual event allowing more visitors to participate in the future. Providing this forum gave the Monument and participating companies an opportunity to present visitors to the Park with information on sustainable practices that can beneficially impact the environment.