

National Park Service  
2004 Environmental Achievement Awards  
Honorable Mention

**Delaware North Parks Companies & Resorts, Concessioner**  
Yellowstone National Park

Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts (DNC P&R) operates the Yellowstone General Stores (YGS) at Yellowstone National Park. In 2003, DNC P&R at Yellowstone demonstrated an excellent commitment to waste reduction through numerous internal initiatives:

- Implemented a five cent deposit/refund program on beverage containers sold individually (e.g., aluminum, glass, and plastic #1 & #2);
- Developed a comprehensive recycling program which incorporated materials not required under the concession contract, including 'slick' paper, steel/tin/scrap iron, plastic #1 & #2, disposable cameras, 35mm metal magazines, cooking grease, household and car batteries, fluorescent lights, light ballasts, used oil, off spec fuel, used antifreeze, used tires, printer/toner cartridges, and wood pallets;
- Donated used electronic equipment to local business and families in West Yellowstone;
- Donated a dump truck to the West Yellowstone Compost Facility;
- Distributed a vendor compliance agreement with a section explaining the DNC P&R EMS ("GreenPath") and vendor expectations;
- Incorporated environmentally friendly practices and products into store remodeling projects;
- Purchased three picnic tables made of 100% plastic lumber;
- Sold a line of t-shirts made of 100% recycled content cotton fabrics;
- Purchased a chemical-free Smart Parts Washer to replace the solvent-based parts washer for vehicle maintenance. Bioremediation converts the grease and oil into non-harmful substances (i.e., water and carbon dioxide); and
- Leased three Honda hybrid vehicles for use at the park.