



Congratulations!

The Village of Chippewa Lake has been chosen as a winner of NOPEC's 2021 Green Ribbon Award. Your efforts to promote energy efficiency within your community stood out to our judges. We assessed nominations based on the planning, impact, and reflection that went into these energy efficiency projects. ***Our judges were impressed with the idea to create a volunteer citizen committee to assist with this project.*** They also appreciated that you see conservation and sustainability as more than just energy savings and took local wildlife into consideration. ***Your nomination also brought the tariff issue to our attention, and we'll be looking into this to see if there's anything NOPEC can do to make this easier.***

As a Green Ribbon Award recipient, Chippewa Lake will receive \$2,500 to put toward energy efficiency initiatives, as well as a plaque to commemorate your achievements. We would love to present these awards to you in person at your next Council meeting, but we understand that the rapidly changing environment surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic has led many communities to restrict public attendance.

Would you be comfortable with us attending the October 11 council meeting to present your award? If not, we can drop it off to you beforehand, and possibly get some photos outside.

Lastly—one of the reasons NOPEC created the Green Ribbon Award was to promote idea-sharing within our communities. As one of this year's winners, we would appreciate the opportunity to conduct a quick interview with you and/or others who worked on the LED Light Conversion project. We will then share a blog post about your community's project on our website and in our newsletter, so that other communities have a chance to learn from you. Please let me know who the best person would be to talk to about this.

Thank you for participating in the 2021 Green Ribbon Award, and our sincerest congratulations on your win. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out via email, or by phone at 440-249-6114.

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