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McLean County Board of Health presents 2014 Public Health Award

BLOOMINGTON—Michael Brown, executive director of the Ecology Action Center, was named the recipient of the 22nd annual McLean County Public Health Award for furthering public health principles, practices and services through his work at the Ecology Action Center (EAC). Board President Becky Powell presented the award as an extension of the Board of Health meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Brown was recognized for all his efforts to educate and promote healthy, sustainable lifestyles in the county. Ecology Action programs include Radon, Recycling, Yard Smart and Green Community. The Center also coordinates the annual Illinois Sustainable Living and Wellness Expo and restructured the Annual We Care Twin Cities Half Marathon as a zero waste event. Through these events, Michael has developed partnerships with Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington Normal Water Reclamation District, City of Bloomington, IEMA, IEPA, McLean County Regional Planning, and the Town of Normal. Michael is also the McLean County Solid Waste Coordinator and has led a crusade for the much needed household hazardous waste collections in the past 5 years.

Brown began his work at the Ecology Action Center in 2007, and through his leadership has helped provide a healthier living environment for McLean County residents.

Each year, the McLean County Board of Health Public Health Award honors a McLean County resident, volunteer or employee who exhibits leadership in a public health-related activity and contributes to health promotion efforts within the county. The contribution can be professional or occupational, in a volunteer or paid capacity; in areas such as the aging population, communicable disease, emergency preparedness, environmental health, health education and promotion, individuals with disabilities, injury prevention, maternal/child health, mental health, nutrition and fitness or any other health-related field. To learn about the Health Department or Board of Health, call (309) 888-5450 or visit <http://health.mcleancountyil.gov>.

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