

Agenda Item: 1.b

Meeting Date: May 21, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Through:

From: Natalie Gass

Date: 2026-04-22

Subject: Dunedin Environmental Hero Awards 2026

Presenter(s): Natalie Gass, City of Dunedin Sustainability Program Manager;
Amy Elliott, Chair of Committee on Environmental Quality & Sustainability (CEQS)

Staff Recommendation: Presentation of awards from the Committee on Environmental Quality & Sustainability (CEQS) to the 2026 Dunedin Environmental Heroes, who have demonstrated honorable action in promoting a healthy and sustainable community in Dunedin.

Strategic Themes: Environmental Resiliency and Sustainability

Boards & Committees: Committee on Environmental Quality & Sustainability (CEQS)

Budget Impact: N/A

Past Action: N/A

Next Action: N/A

Attachments: [2026 Dunedin Environmental Hero Award PowerPoint Slides.pdf](#)

Background: For over a decade, the City of Dunedin and the advisory Committee on Environmental Quality & Sustainability (CEQS) have been celebrating Dunedin's local green advocates and heroes - residents, businesses, and organizations - who go above and beyond for environmental sustainability. Winners are selected for their dedication, hard work, and passion toward protecting and improving Dunedin's environment. The community is grateful for their efforts and is proud to celebrate their great accomplishments.

The 2026 Dunedin Environmental Hero Awards go to:
-Grassroots Ambassador Category: Johnna Young
-Green Organization Category: Faith United Church of Christ

2026 Honorable Mentions:
-Jerald and Barbara Lindley
-Michael Caruso
-Megan Colby
-Judith Gorgone

Awards will be presented during Thursday, May 21, 2026, City Commission Meeting beginning at 6:00 PM.