



New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling Inc.

Gus Ribeiro of Albany Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

COOPERSTOWN – Gus Ribeiro of Albany, Environmental Program Specialist 2 with the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Materials Management, has received the 2018 Recycling Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York State Association of Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling.



Under Ribeiro's 25-year tenure, approximately \$120 million in state grant funding has been distributed to municipalities for recycling efforts, which has had a direct impact on increasing the amount of materials recycled and diverted from disposal.

“Gus Ribeiro has worked in the recycling grants program his entire career and knows the system better than anyone. He helps applicants navigate a complex application system with great patience and a dry sense of humor,” according to his nomination. “His direct work with municipalities across NY State has added significant value to the educational programs, recycling infrastructure, and composting systems that New Yorkers have access to. Gus is always accessible, has the spot-on answer to your question, and has been a true partner for local government in advancing local solid waste management plan milestones.”

NYSAR³, the professional recyclers' association for New York State, recognizes a few outstanding achievers each year for their dedication, innovation, and passion for recycling. The awards were presented during closing ceremonies at the annual New York State Recycling Conference in Cooperstown on Nov. 8.

“NYSAR³ is proud to recognize and honor the professionals and organizations who work every day to make a positive impact on our environment through sustainable materials management in New York,” said Kelli Timbrook, NYSAR³ president.

NYSAR³, the premiere recycling organization in New York State, provides members with expertise and education on waste reduction, reuse and recycling issues and practices to improve the environment. The group advocates for policies and programs that support environmental sustainability in the Empire State and provides access to a network of individuals and organizations that share ideas about starting and improving reduction, reuse, and recycling programs, as well as information on education and funding. More details are available on their website: www.NYSAR3.org.



Kelli Timbrook, (left) NYSAR3 president, presents the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award to Gus Rebeiro, Environmental Program Specialist 2 with the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation.

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