

# Congresswoman Cori Bush Headlines New Sustainability Awards at Earth Day Festival

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ST. LOUIS - Congresswoman Cori Bush will be the featured speaker at the Opening Ceremony and Sustainability Awards at the [St. Louis Earth Day Festival](#) on Saturday, April 23, at 1 pm. Organized by the local nonprofit earthday365, the [Sustainability Awards](#) will highlight achievements in sustainability over five different categories.

## 2022 EARTH DAY SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS - Outstanding Nominees

- Hellbender Lifetime Achievement in Sustainability
- Wayne Garver, Gateway Electric Vehicle Association President and environmental educator
- Jean Ponzi, EarthWays Center, MOBOT's Green Business Challenge, BiodiverCity STL, Earthworms radio show/podcast/column, original Earth Day Festival organizer
- Emily Andrews, Executive Director of US - Green Building Council, Green Schools Quest, champion of landmark energy efficiency standards such as the 2021 Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS) and the new Building Energy Exchange - St. Louis.
- John Risberg, former Maritz executive and passionate conservationist, Board President at Beyond Housing, earthday365, and World Bird Sanctuary

### Keystone Community Activist

- Dail Chambers - planted 97 trees in the Greater Ville during pandemic, founded Yeyo Arts Collective, urban agriculture
- Leah Clyburn - longtime Sierra Club organizer & environmental justice activist
- Carlotta Lewis - 24-year career with Missouri State Parks helping youth living in poverty develop a connection with nature
- Gabrielle Cole - The Fit & Food Connection: fitness, nutrition and food deserts
- Cynthia McCrea - Healing & Meditation Garden, Vandeventer neighborhood
- Leah Lee Burnett - Confluence Farms & Growing Food, Growing People

### Green Works Here! Award

- Midwest Recycling Center
- Dharma + Dwell
- Focal Pointe Outdoor Solutions

- Home Sweet Home
- Forest Keeling Nursery

### Emerging Environmental Leader

- Madeline Middlebrooks, Great Rivers Environmental Law, focusing on lead in school water fountains
- Aurora Blanchard, UMSL Community Garden
- Rebecca Hankins, Forest ReLeaf coordinating tree planting in urban heat islands in partnership with communities
- Britt Tate-Beaugard, SLPS Art Teacher in North City, created a Sound Garden from found & recycled materials
- Rachel Wilson - Schnucks Markets, pushing to source produce from local farmers
- Katherine Golden - EarthWays Center, Sustainability Education Manager

### Green Dining Alliance Food For Thought

- Sqwires
- Principia College
- UCBC - The Grove
- The Wolf Cafe
- Schlafly Tap Room

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