

Battle Creek Resident Wins EPA Earth Day Photo Contest

The DEQ congratulates Richard Burkhart of Battle Creek for winning the 2008 Environmental Protection Agency Earth Day Photo Contest.

Mr. Burkhart says of his photo: “On this spring day my wife and I were enjoying the environment and beauty of the Battle Creek River. I find it extremely interesting that this photo was taken within four blocks from the heart of Battle Creek, Michigan. Sometimes we can find true beauty and enjoy nature real close to home or in our own back yard.”



Last year, the Battle Creek Clean Water Partners conducted a photo contest of subjects within the Kalamazoo River Watershed to help educate the public about their watershed and the proximity of rivers and streams to the urban landscape. The photographs were judged by the staff of the Battle Creek Enquirer, and Mr. Burkhart’s winning image was subsequently submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s National Earth Day photo contest where it placed first out of nearly 750 entries in the Enjoying Nature category.

This photo serves as a reminder that Michigan’s local urban rivers can be excellent recreational resources, provided that we all work together to improve and protect them. Watershed groups throughout the state, like the Battle Creek Clean Water Partners, continue to make strides to preserve Michigan’s water resources for all to enjoy.