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## Business Beautification Award Winner Announced

*Liberty Executive Park* at 1301 – 1317 Executive Boulevard and was recently honored as the 2019 Chesapeake Business Beautification Award winner. The expansive business park is home to five well-maintained office buildings, one that's certified by the U.S. Green Building Council as LEED Silver. The horseshoe layout is encompassed by an attractively landscaped park setting, complete with a walking trail that encircles a three-acre lake with fountains.

This year, the group of judges from the Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council were particularly impressed with the abundance of native trees and shrubs alongside the pleasantly designed parking area and throughout the 28-acre property. Established trees and shrubs include *Betula nigra* (River birch), *Quercus phellos* (Willow oak) and *Myrica cerifera* (Southern wax myrtle), and *Yucca filamentosa* (Color Guard).

Shaped hedges, neatly mulched tree wells and garden beds add to the professional and welcoming look of the property. Picnic areas nestled under gazebos, coupled with proper trash and cigarette receptacles, offer a clean, relaxing outdoor area for employees and visitors.

In addition to the aesthetically-pleasing greenery, installed BMP (Best Management Practices) ponds are utilized throughout the property to reduce the impact of pollutants on our environment. A layer of large stones called rip rap have been placed around some of the ponds to prevent erosion. This highly visible property, on the corner of Volvo Parkway and Executive Parkway, does an excellent job incorporating a mix of landscape and hardscape with beautiful plants and flowers, walkways, and easy-to-read signs.

The Business Beautification Award contest has been held annually since 1994, and judging decisions are based on landscaping, building, litter control, and signage. This year, *Liberty Executive Park* joins establishments such as Big Ugly Brewing, Towne Place, Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast, Tapestry Park Apartments, and Independence Place on the list of award winners.

The Chesapeake Business Beautification Award is sponsored by the Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council and Chesapeake's Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department.



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