

## Press release.

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Enviro-Stewards is the only Canadian Company to win The Global SDG Sustainable Development Goal Award.

“We are especially excited to be recognized in the category of partnering to achieve the sustainable development goals (SDGs). As outlined in our [TEDx talk](#), focusing on individual goals in isolation can damage other development goals. Conversely, collaborations with customers, grassroots organizations, and foundations can be designed to simultaneously benefit each of the SDGs.”

- Bruce Taylor, P.Eng, President, Enviro-Stewards Inc.

Enviro-Stewards is a social venture and [Certified B Corporation](#) whose mission is to cultivate resilient businesses and improve lives in extraordinary ways. We partner with manufacturers to help them reduce their footprints by reducing water, energy, and raw material consumption to make them more profitable. We also partner with grassroots organizations, customers, charities, and foundations to empower communities in Africa to sustainably provide their own safe water. Click here to see [Enviro-Stewards' SDG bio](#).

One great example of Partnership is Maple Leaf Foods Inc. We partnered with Maple Leaf Foods to help them reach their goal of reducing their water, energy, greenhouse gas, and waste footprint by 50% by the year 2025. Integrated water, energy, and pollution prevention assessments at 35 of their facilities in Canada and the US have help developed a roadmap to achieve their goals. Implementation of quick wins (with less than a year payback) has already significantly reduced their utility consumption and annual spend on utility bills. Each of the facilities has also sponsored price discounts for biosand filters that are providing safe water and developing a market for locally owned and operated social ventures producing the biofilters ([Safe Water Partnerships](#)).

As a second example, CCFI received a grant from the Walmart Foundation to collaborate with Provision Coalition and Enviro-Stewards on the Canadian Food Loss + Waste Reduction Project, which is co-funding prevention assessments at 50 food & beverage processors across Canada. The assessments completed by Enviro-Stewards under the program to date are averaging \$350,000/yr of savings with a payback of 9 months. According to the World Bank and [CEC](#), 1/3 of all the food grown on earth is presently wasted and if it were a country, food loss itself would be the 3rd largest GHG emitter (after USA & China). If present efforts to divert 100% of this food waste from landfill (with biodigesters, etc.) are successful, we will *still* be wasting 1/3 of all food and food loss will still be one of the largest GHG emitters and water consumers on the planet. Conversely, preventing the loss of food in the first place can make it available to those who are food insecure and avoids GHG, water, and biodiversity impacts associated with growing food to be wasted.

Enviro-Stewards has long held the belief that donor-focused, relief-based charity can be quite harmful (see [TEDx talk](#)). The Safe Water Project uses a sustainable development approach to build and sell biosand filters that are made out of local materials and can provide safe drinking water for 25 years. But the real joy has been seeing communities empowered with business skills and training to make a positive difference. During the war in South Sudan many of the Safe Water Project workers were displaced as refugees to the largest refugee camp in the world (Bidi Bidi, Uganda). However, instead of sitting in the camp waiting for help they gathered together and built new Safe Water Project operations in Uganda that are thriving and providing safe water to their host community!

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