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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **EARTH WEEK ORGANIZER WINS ANNUAL UM GREENING AWARD**

#### **MISSOULA –**

Environmental Studies professor Vicki Watson has been chosen for the 2007 Greening UM Award by the University of Montana Sustainable Campus Committee.

Each year the Greening UM Award recognizes one individual who has made outstanding contributions toward the goals of campus sustainability.

SCC chose Watson because of her long-standing and unequalled commitment and work toward promoting, educating and instituting sustainable principles and practices at UM, said SCC Chair Phil Condon.

He said the committee believes Watson serves as a constant example to her campus colleagues and students of an engaged and environmentally active campus citizen.

Among other contributions, Watson was pivotal in UM signing the international Talloires Sustainability Principles document on Earth Day in 2002, was instrumental in the establishment of the Sustainable Campus Committee itself in that same year, and is the current chair of the Recycling Oversight Committee.

Each year since 2002 Watson also has volunteered countless hours to help plan, arrange and organize UM Earth Day events, including this year's weeklong celebration.

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Previous recipients of the award were UM Dining Services Director Mark LoParco,  
former COT Dean Paul Williamson and COT Accounting Technology Program Director Lisa  
Swallow.

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