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**DR. EMILY YOUNG AWARDED THE 2011 NICHOLAS P. BOLLMAN AWARD**  
**Award Recognizes Smart Growth Leaders Who Inspire through Values and Actions**

Coral Gables, Fla. – The [Fundations' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities](#) is pleased to announce that Dr. Emily Young, Senior Director, Environmental Analysis and Strategy for [The San Diego Foundation](#), is the recipient of the 2011 Nicholas P. Bollman Award. Established in 2008 in honor of the late Mr. Bollman, the award recognizes leaders who share the commitment he embodied to improving conditions for future generations, without expectation of reward.

Dr. Young is a recognized environmental leader in the San Diego region, which is renowned for its diverse and complex environmental habitats. Her work fuses the principles of smart growth and climate change issues to address the myriad of challenges facing San Diego's air, water and land. Known as a unifying force, Dr. Young reaches across boundaries and builds strong and enduring partnerships to achieve common goals. Her efforts have increased the funding, capacity and reach of The San Diego Foundation and its grantees and produced robust on-the-ground results. A leader who inspires real change, Dr. Young also inspires people to imagine that a healthier, safer San Diego is within reach for all.

Dr. Young's vision has been instrumental in building The San Diego Foundation's Environment Program. Dr. Young oversees the Foundation's Climate Initiative and spearheads the Environmental Working Group (EWG), recruiting volunteers with strong environmental expertise to engage deeply on the issues. Thanks to the leadership of Dr. Young and the EWG, the San Diego region has added 28,000 acres of conserved land and engaged more than 2,000 residents and more than 20,000 new volunteers in environmental stewardship.

The award will be presented to Dr. Young on March 22 at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundations' Network Conference in Detroit, Michigan.

Past recipients of the Nicholas P. Bollman Award include Mr. Bollman, one of the nation's most prominent and influential regionalists and a founding member of the Fundations' Network, who was honored posthumously, and Hooper Brooks, Director of International Programmes, The Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment, UK, and a founding member and the first chairperson of the Fundations' Network.

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**About the Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities** *The Funders' Network exists to inspire, strengthen and expand funding and philanthropic leadership that yield environmentally sustainable, socially equitable and economically prosperous regions and communities. The vision of the Funders' Network is to be the leading resource in philanthropy for interdisciplinary and transformative thinking and action that gives all people the opportunity to live in more environmentally sustainable, socially equitable and economically prosperous regions and communities.*

***About the Nicholas P. Bollman Award*** *The Nicholas P. Bollman Award honors the memory of longtime friend and Funders' Network co-founder, Nick Bollman, who died in 2007. The values that guided Nick's life and his work, and his influence on others, personify the values and hopes of the Funders' Network and continue to provide inspiration. Nick was a beacon of hope for all people who believe strongly in their obligation to improve conditions for future generations without hesitation or expectation of reward. We are proud to recognize leaders in the field who continue Nick's legacy of advancing thoughtful and progressive solutions to a variety of contemporary problems.*