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## **Harleysville National Bank Boosts Local and Regional Conservation Efforts**

November 16, 2006 -- Harleysville National is pleased to announce a \$10,000 challenge grant to Montgomery County Lands Trust to boost year-end fundraising and to energize the organization's efforts to respond quickly in efforts to capture fleeting land conservation opportunities throughout Montgomery County. Montgomery County Lands Trust focuses energies on protecting natural areas and farmland, promoting smart growth policy and educating local decision makers on informed land-use decision making.

Harleysville National Bank, a corporate supporter of the Trust for over a decade, has challenged the organization to raise \$30,000 in new gifts by the December 31, 2006. Meeting that goal will guarantee the bank's donation of \$10,000. Harleysville National Bank recognizes that the

excellent quality of life in our region is protected and enhanced by a blend of public and private investment in community parks, trails and neighborhood green spaces.

Raising additional operating funds will allow the Trust to add staff resources to meet increased interest in private land protection spurred by recent changes in the federal tax laws and to respond to increasing local requests for assistance with local preservation challenges.

Donations may be directed to Montgomery County Lands Trust at PO Box 300, Lederach, PA 19054. Questions may be addressed to [info@mclt.org](mailto:info@mclt.org) or Dulcie F. Flaharty, Executive Director at 215-513-0100.

*As a non-profit conservancy, Montgomery County Lands Trust works to preserve the natural areas, farmland, and neighborhood green spaces which contribute to our quality of life, to a clean and abundant water supply and to the health of our region's economy.*

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