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**Photos of local projects and people available**

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### **Montgomery County Green Futures Announces Fifth Annual Achievement Awards**

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**Harleysville, PA** -- Montgomery County Green Futures celebrated its fifth annual Achievement Awards last evening at the William Penn Inn in Gwynedd, PA. During the inspirational evening, six dynamic communities and one partnering organization gained recognition for their outstanding achievements and efforts demonstrating exemplary land protection and visionary open space projects. Sponsored by Montgomery County Lands Trust, the Green Futures Achievement Awards program was made possible with **major support from Univest Corporation** with additional support from the Montgomery County Planning Commission, Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, and **PPL Corporation**. Award-winning groups include:

- Hatfield Borough – Liberty Bell Plaza and Trail
- Lansdale Borough – Wissahickon Creek Infiltration Basin & Riparian Corridor
- Lower Providence Township – Harry F. Hoy Memorial Park
- Souderton Borough – Downtown Sculpture Plaza
- Trappe Borough – Rambo Park
- Whitemarsh Township – Koontz Park
- Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association – The Upper Wissahickon Green Ribbon Trail

Inspired by the November 2003 Green Fields/Green Towns referendum, and the passage of Pennsylvania's \$625 million Growing Greener II Bond Initiative, the **Montgomery County Green Futures Program** is a three-pronged initiative which has reached more than 1,300 people since its first event in 2006. The components of this multifaceted approach consist of education, outreach, and training in a variety of stimulating venues.

The primary goal of these workshops continues to be that of providing local leaders with the open space tools they need to make enlightened decisions and public investment regarding land conservation, water resource protection and smart growth techniques.

**Montgomery County Lands Trust** works to preserve and connect 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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