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Montgomery County Green Futures Announces Fourth Annual Achievement Awards, October 27, 2009

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Lederach, PA--- Montgomery County Green Futures fourth annual Achievement Awards promises to be an evening of inspiration and celebration. This invitation-only event will be held Tuesday, October 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. at the William Penn Inn. Six dynamic communities will be awarded for their outstanding achievements and efforts demonstrating exemplary land protection, effective partnerships in regional planning, and visionary open space projects. Sponsored by Montgomery County Lands Trust, this program is made possible with generous support from Univest Corporation, William Penn Foundation, Montgomery County Community Foundation, and Montgomery County.

Award-winning communities include:

- Upper Pottsgrove Township – Goose Run Pedestrian Walking Trail
- Whitemarsh Township/Whitemarsh Foundation – Erdenheim Farm
- Lower Moreland Township – Greenway and Redevelopment Plan for Philmont Corridor
- Montgomery Township – Memorial Grove Park
- Skippack Township – Walking Trail Project
- Municipality of Norristown – Creating a Greener Urban Landscape

Inspired by the November 2003 Green Fields/Green Towns referendum, and the passage of Pennsylvania's \$625 million Growing Greener II Bond Initiative, the **Green Futures Program** is a three-pronged initiative which has reached more than 950 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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