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West Hanover Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Kyle Miller, Chairman, and Members of the Board of Supervisors  
and  
West Hanover Township  
Environmental Advisory Council  
John Miele, Chairman, and Members of the Environmental Advisory Council

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**Congratulations! to the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) on 30 years of service to the West Hanover Township Community.**

Since it's beginnings in 1989 the EAC has not only met the objectives set forth in it's establishing ordinance, it has exceeded them by delivering timely environmental programs and providing hands-on projects to and for the residents of West Hanover Township.

From creating the first voluntary community recycling program (now the curbside recycling program), to oil/antifreeze collection, riparian restoration, scenic inventory, big tree inventory, tree planting, rain garden at Fairville Park, bluebird trail at Skyline Commons Park, stream assessments and wetland investigations, to mention only some of the projects, the EAC continues to provide a valuable service to the community.

The EAC also engages the residents in environmental education seminars and workshops such as recycling, integrated pest management, invasive plants and insects, birding, stormwater/rain barrel education, household hazardous wastes and pollution.

The West Hanover Township EAC was the first EAC in Dauphin County to produce a natural resource inventory (NRI), which is now part of the township's Comprehensive Plan, and played a major role in establishing the environmental protection and open space ordinances that are part of the SALDO and Zoning regulations.

The EAC was the first EAC in the state to make an EAC promotional video for the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) and the EACNetwork; received the PEC Achievement Award Honorable Mention for community recycling, and the Keep PA Beautiful Community Greening Award for the Rain Garden at Fairville Park.

While there have been many members of the West Hanover Township EAC, all have been dedicated in striving to create in our community, an environmentally healthy balance between humanity and the earth, through innovative thought, mind-full awareness and responsible actions.

Thank you to the Board of Supervisors for your support of the EAC, and many thanks to the EAC for their continued service to our community.

Sincerely,



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