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PA 2006 Waste Watchers Awards Presented

BELLWOOD, PA (**September** 2006) – The Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP), Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association (PWIA) and the Keystone Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America are pleased to recognize 40 outstanding recycling programs across the state.

The Waste Watcher awards are given to those recycling, waste reduction, reuse and composting programs in Pennsylvania which go above and beyond the mandates of Act 101. Awards were presented to municipalities, counties, private businesses, individuals and community organizations in ten categories; Individual Achievement, Special Collections, Public Education, Recycling Achievement, Materials Processing, Community Event Recycling, School Recycling, Reuse, Commercial/Institutional Recycling and Composting.

This is the ninth year for the Waste Watcher Awards. Each winner received a letter of congratulations, a framed certificate and access to Waste Watcher award logos. To read more about each award winner, please refer to PROP's website at www.proprecycles.org.

Despite funding and program cuts, recycling continues to conserve energy and raw materials, reduce dependence on foreign oil and create jobs here in Pennsylvania and across the nation. This growth and success is the result of a serious commitment to recycling by individuals, businesses, government and the recycling industry, such as these. Their efforts have a positive impact on the environment and economy, and they do not go unnoticed.

PROP's executive director John Frederick says, "Recycling has ended up not just being an act of environmental stewardship, but it's also been good in Pennsylvania for generating jobs and economic activity. We're proud to recognize these award winners for their on-going efforts."

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