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TOWNSHIP EARNS AWARD FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (November 4, 2010) – Lower Providence Township has earned a 2010 Green Futures Achievement Award for improvements made to the Township's Hoy Park. The award, presented by the Montgomery County Green Futures and Montgomery County Lands Trust, is given to a select group of local communities who demonstrate exemplary efforts in land protection, effective partnerships and visionary open space ventures.

The Township took home the award for its most recent improvements made to Harry F. Hoy Memorial Park. These included installation of an ADA compliant walking path and fishing pier, and boat ramp. The recreational features allow all members of the community to take in the picturesque views the park offers.

The four-acre parcel of land was donated to the Township by the Hoy family in 1995 and it opened the door to the creation of a community recreational area. It was dedicated as the Harry F. Hoy Memorial Park in 2003. The park preserves the natural characteristics of the land and encourages wildlife habitation to flourish.

Visitors to the park, located off Arcola Road at the confluence of the Perkiomen and Skippack Creeks, can often see blue herons, various species of fish and frogs and even, on the very extraordinary occasion, a bald eagle.

The Township received a grant from the state Fish and Boat Commission for construction of the boat ramp and provided matching funds. The PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) granted funding for the design and engineering of the fishing pier, with the Township matching 50 percent of the DCNR grant.

The Green Futures Awards Committee noted that the Hoy Park improvements are significant advancements that have helped make the park a local treasure that the community will have the opportunity to enjoy for years to come.



Pictured are Richard Booth, far left, of the Awards Committee; Dulcie Flaherty, second from right, Montgomery County Lands Trust Director; and Lower Providence Township representatives, from left, Karl Lukens, Casey Snyder, Tom Heisner, and Joe Dunbar.