



Denise Walsh/Lower Providence Township  
Community Relations  
T: 610-635-3531  
dwalsh@Lowerprovidence.org

## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

December 2012

# **Township's Hoy Park Earns Community Greening Award**

*Presented by PA Horticultural Society*

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP** - Lower Providence Township's Hoy Park was recognized by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS), receiving a 2012 Community Greening Award. The award recognizes the Township's greening and beautification efforts at the park. Additional recipients were celebrated for improving their communities across Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

This year, 67 winners were chosen from entries throughout the tri-state area. The list of winning sites includes entries from many diverse areas. Past award recipients include individuals and groups who have maintained streets, public parks, traffic islands, train stations, churches, schoolyards, libraries, and businesses. Municipalities that have led tree planting initiatives, battled storm-water runoff, or pursued other ecological projects were also encouraged to apply. Judges evaluated the sites in July and August based on plant variety, design, use of space, and horticultural practices.

Hoy Park is located off Arcola Road at the confluence of the Perkiomen and Skippack. It features a handicap accessible fishing pier, boat ramp, and picnic area. There is also a large display providing park visitors with information on birds they're likely to spot in the area.



The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) is a nonprofit membership organization founded in 1827. An established leader in community greening, PHS works with citizen volunteers, government agencies, businesses, and other organizations to plan, create, and maintain community green spaces. Proceeds from the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show, as well as gifts from foundations, corporations, government agencies, and individuals, support PHS programs and initiatives. [www.phsonline.org](http://www.phsonline.org)

**PHOTO:** *Karl Lukens, Parks and Recreation Director for Lower Providence Township, accepts the Community Greening Award from Drew Becher, president of the PA Horticultural Society.*