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KEEP DELAWARE COUNTY BEAUTIFUL GIVES FIRST 'GREEN AWARD'

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DELAWARE, Oh., Dec. 7, 2009 – Community cleanup and recycling initiatives and eco-friendly educational efforts were praised at the Keep Delaware County Beautiful (KDCB) annual awards reception last week.

The inaugural **Green Award** was presented to the **Preservation Parks of Delaware County** for innovative eco-friendly efforts. The award recognized the Greenwise Fair organized by the parks system last August, plus the numerous “green” features built into the new Lodge at Deer Haven Preserve, site of the reception.

The **Garrison-Brown Award** for volunteer initiative was presented to **David and Lyn St. Clair** of Delaware for their cleanup of the Olentangy Riverbank under the Veterans Memorial Bridge. The St. Clairs worked weekends for two months cleaning up the chronically littered public site.

The **Recycling Award** was presented to **Olentangy Schools** for classroom and school recycling initiatives and for supporting community recycling. Olentangy Liberty High School seniors Paul Mahfouz and Crystal Travis, accompanied by three teachers, accepted the award. The award cited recycling efforts at OLHS, Hyatts Middle School, and Liberty Tree Elementary School.

The **Beautification Award** was presented to **Sims Recycling** for improvements to its scrap recycling facility on London Road in Delaware, including new fencing and landscaping.

The **Business Award** went to **Tech Disposal** for its work at the two-day E-Waste recycling event last January at the Columbus Zoo. More than 1,200 television sets were among the 12 truckloads of electronic items dropped off by 1,500 area residents.

The **Environmental Education Award** went to Big Walnut Elementary School Teacher **Megan Forman** for her cleanup of the Big Walnut Land Lab and efforts to create outdoor learning experiences for pupils. In accepting the award, Ms. Forman credited retired BW science teacher Dick Tuttle for inspiring her efforts.

The **Litter Prevention Award** went to **Cub Scout Pack 197** for organizing a cleanup of Hilmar Park in Genoa Township last spring. Forty volunteers, including 21 scouts, picked up 25 bags of trash, fencing, 20 tires, and other car parts.

The **Community Stewardship Award** went to **Orange Township**. The award recognized Orange Township for having the highest residential recycling rate -- 27 percent -- in the Delaware-Knox-Marion-Morrow Solid Waste District. The award also cited Orange Township's "Operation Clean Sweep" community litter cleanup and other collaborations with the Rumpke waste and recycling service.

Keep Delaware County Beautiful is the Delaware General Health District's Recycling and Litter Prevention program. For more information, log on to www.delawarehealth.org or phone 740-368-1700.