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RECYCLING BIN RELOCATED AT OLENTANGY LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

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DELAWARE, Oh., June 18, 2009 – The community recycling dropoff bin previously serving Shawnee Hills has been permanently relocated to the Olentangy Liberty High School grounds.

Keep Delaware County Beautiful and the Delaware-Knox-Marion-Morrow Solid Waste District (DKMM) relocated the bin in response to chronic illegal dumping, misuse, and concerns voiced by Shawnee Hills village leaders. A sign has been erected at the former bin site directing recyclers to the present location three miles away at 3584 Home Road.

Keep Delaware County Beautiful Coordinator Jenifer Way-Young said littering and other problems at the former bin site in Shawnee Hills spurred more than 100 complaints between 2002 and this year – far more than any of the other nine full-time recycling bin locations in Delaware County. Paint buckets and other trash left at the site bore indications that businesses and individuals from Franklin and Union counties were dumping illegally. Some unrecyclable materials left in the bin caused entire truckloads to be landfilled instead of recycled.

Way-Young expressed regret that the bin move might inconvenience some area residents. “We actively searched for other bin sites in southern Concord Township, and the high school graciously agreed to serve as our new bin host,” she said.

For additional information about recycling and litter prevention in Delaware County, phone KDCB at the Delaware General Health District at 740-368-1700 or log on to www.delawarehealth.org and click on “Environmental Health” and “Keep Delaware County Beautiful.”