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USDA Rural Development Awards Lawrence County Department of Recycling/Solid Waste a \$49,900 Solid Waste Management Grant

New Castle, PA – August 12, 2008 – USDA Rural Development’s Area Director Bob Schoenfeldt presented a \$49,900 ceremonial big check to Lawrence County Commissioners for Lawrence County Department of Recycling/Solid Waste’s recycling project during a regularly-scheduled Commissioners’ weekly meeting.

"The Solid Waste Management Grants are made to public and private nonprofit organizations for providing technical assistance and training to communities and rural residents to reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources and improve planning and management of solid waste facilities. Small communities in Lawrence County are facing greater challenges today in the management of solid waste problems and recycling. The monies are going to be used to improve the county’s recycling efforts by reducing its solid waste stream through training programs. This is going to benefit all of the communities in Lawrence County. This funding is another example of Rural Development’s commitment to the future of our rural communities. Best of all, it accomplishes these goals at reasonable costs and in an environmentally sound way," said Bob Schoenfeldt, Area Manager.

The monies will be used for a recycling educational program and materials targeting rural municipalities in the county not served by curbside recycling collections, to facilitate illegal dump cleanups, and to provide special waste/recycling collections. Solid Waste Management Grants are made to public and private nonprofit organizations to help reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources and/or to improve planning and management of solid waste facilities. The total cost of the project is \$98,147 that includes state, applicant and other funding.

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