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**JOSEPH M. MANKO LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO BE PRESENTED TO
SANDY DRAYER AT LOWER MERION ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
“GO FOR THE GREEN” AWARDS CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON MAY 22**

Philadelphia, PA (May 9, 2008) – Joseph M. Manko, a founding partner of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), has been recognized for his environmental endeavors and service to the community by the Lower Merion Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), which has created the Joseph M. Manko Lifetime Achievement Award. The 2008 award will be presented to Sandy Drayer, co-founder of the Lower Merion Conservancy (formerly the Lower Merion-Narberth Watershed Association), at the Lower Merion EAC’s first annual “Go for the Green” Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 22. The ceremony will be held at the Appleford Estate in Villanova, Pa.

“Sandy is a visionary in the environmental field. She was a mentor to me and was instrumental in my earliest days of learning about environmental conservation.” said Manko, regarding the upcoming presentation of the first Manko Lifetime Achievement Award to Drayer.

As one of the founders of the Lower Merion-Narberth Watershed Association in 1984, Drayer was instrumental in spearheading the local conservancy movement. She served as Executive of the Lower Merion-Narberth Watershed Association, and later, when the Association became the Lower Merion Conservancy, she served on the Board of Directors. Among her many achievements, Drayer is credited with starting Lower Merion Township’s recycling program and cataloging the history of Mill Creek Watershed. In addition, she served on the Lower Merion EAC from 1995 to 2000 and on the Lower Merion Planning Commission from 1985 to 1993.

The Joseph M. Manko Lifetime Achievement Award was created to recognize an individual or group who makes a long-term, significant impact on environmental issues such as improvement, protection and awareness of the environment. “When looking for the best example of a citizen who has demonstrated a pioneering environmental spirit and unceasing dedication to the community, honoring former Commissioner Joseph M. Manko was an obvious choice,” said EAC member Ralph Grasso. “The EAC is privileged to memorialize Mr. Manko’s service through the annual lifetime achievement award.”

Manko served as Commissioner to Lower Merion Township for 27 years until his retirement in July 2006, making him the township’s longest serving elected official. In addition to being a founding partner of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, an environmental, energy and land use law firm based in Bala Cynwyd, Manko has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1991. For 18 years, he served as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and a summer lecturer-in-law at Vermont Law School. He graduated magna cum laude from Yale University in 1961 and cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1964. Manko currently serves on the Philadelphia Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Fairmount Park Commission.

The Lower Merion EAC “Go for the Green” Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 22 at 6 p.m. at the Appleford Estate, 770 Mount Moro Road, Villanova, Pa. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Andrea Campisi at 610-645-6112 or email acampisi@lowermerion.org.

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