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**2013 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
IS PRESENTED TO**

**CENTRAL BUCKS HIGH SCHOOL WEST
in Doylestown, PA
and
ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
in Abington, PA**

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Philadelphia, PA (April 19, 2013) – There are outstanding environmental programs taking place in schools all over the country, and the environmental law firm of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF) is proud to collaborate with NBC 10 and Wawa in recognizing schools in the Delaware Valley for their sustainable efforts to support their communities. Since 2006, there have been 16 schools that have won the Environmental Community Service Award (ECSA), each receiving a \$5,000 honorarium to further their environmental programs. The goal is to raise awareness of environmental concerns and to recognize schools for their efforts in service projects that enhance and improve the quality of life in their communities.

The two winning schools this year are Central Bucks High School West in Doylestown, PA and Abington High School in Abington, PA. The impressive list of judges includes representatives from The Franklin Institute, the Academy of Natural Sciences, Fairmount Water Works

Interpretive Center, the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

The winning programs demonstrate the true spirit of enhancing sustainability in the community. The Central Bucks High School West Life Skills Support Class is a special education program for students with intellectual disabilities and focuses on teaching domestic vocational and social skills in authentic environments. Their program encourages healthy eating habits while teaching realistic life skills to students. The Life Skills participants, with the support of regular education students, built and installed raised bed gardens in the school's courtyard. Then they planted vegetables and flowers like tomatoes, cucumbers, basil and peppers that were used to prepare salads and soups for their lunches. They cut and delivered the zinnia flowers they planted to staff. Funds from this award will be used to expand the garden and develop a Piedmont forest area for environmental education. The educators who were recognized are Todd Cantrell and Mike Castelli.

Abington High School's H2O for Life Club continuously educates citizens of all walks of life about local and global water issues. Originally there were 10 members of the Club and now, six years later, there are 80 active members. They have a "Watershed Citizenship" class and do community outreach to encourage others (of all ages) to be prudent in the way water is used. They hope everyone will take seriously the responsibility to create storm sewers in neighborhoods, to discard litter and cigarette butts properly, as an example. Members of the club teach "Watershed Citizenship" in elementary schools, at Rotary Clubs, colleges and universities including the University of PA and Cabrini College and even museums like the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center. It is their mission for all people to have access to safe, affordable and sustainable drinking water and to ensure a health tomorrow. The teacher who was recognized at Abington is Mary Rodgers.

Over the years, there have been numerous applications by schools in the tri-state area, and, once again, the judges and partners continue to be impressed by the applicants. Robb Fox, managing partner of MGKF who was the originator of this award, said, "We are so gratified that students

and their teachers continue to value and prioritize environmentalism and give back to their communities through these programs.”

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