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**2012 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
IS PRESENTED TO**

WILLIAMSTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

in Williamstown, NJ

and

HATBORO HORSHAM SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

in Horsham, PA

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Philadelphia, PA (April 20, 2012) – There are outstanding environmental programs taking place in schools all over the country, and Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF) is proud to partner 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 14 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 middle and high 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 Williamstown Middle School in Williamstown, NJ and Hatboro Horsham Senior High School in Horsham, 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 Williamstown's Middle School's winning program, under the leadership of Janet Mead and Sandy Keen, developed the Community of Caring Gardens. This was established as a means to invite the public into the school to work with students to build character education through caring for the environment. Since then, they have also developed courtyard gardens, including a memorial pond which has become the centerpiece of an outdoor classroom. Their next endeavor will include a community vegetable garden whose harvest will be donated to a nearby senior citizen complex. Students have already designed cold frame boxes and a soda-can solar heating system from recycled materials to extend the typical growing season.

The winning high school is Hatboro Horsham Senior High School. At this school, the Jarrett Nature Center (JNC) serves as their outdoor classroom. The center, which includes a pond, outdoor seating, signage for each major habitat, handicapped access to the pond, and an observation platform in the marsh for study purposes, is available to the community and all district schools to enhance lessons. With their award monies, Hatboro Horsham students will work with the JNC to plan, implement and monitor the install and impact of a rain garden. Community members will also be involved in the planning and planting of native plants. Teachers will be able to use the rain garden as a way to educate students about native plants, rain gardens, run off prevention, and water quality monitoring.

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 even in difficult economic times, students and their teachers continue to value and prioritize environmentalism and give back to their communities through these programs."

Sharing his enthusiasm, Fred Wood, Manager Facility Services at Wawa, Inc., said at the ceremonies, "It is very important that retail companies understand they are part of a community and help maintain the environment for our customers, neighbors and associates. We are proud to partner in this Award and encourage younger generations to share this sense of responsibility." Wood is joined at each ceremony with the company's mascot, Wally the Wawa Goose, who is probably the biggest cheerleader at the event.

NBC 10's involvement is crucial to the success of the program as each year they promote the campaign and produce a story about the students. This year meteorologist Dave Warren represented the station. He was thrilled to be involved. He said, "I am so impressed that the students come up with such great ideas and are able to execute them with the help of the funds from winning this award. It's a prize that helps them continue to maintain these worthwhile environmental projects."

Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP concentrates its practice in environmental, energy, and land use law and litigation. It represents clients ranging from Fortune 100 corporations to small, privately held enterprises, both in the Mid-Atlantic region and on a national basis. MGKF was honored to be the top-rated law firm in 2011 and 2012 in the Top Workplaces surveys by the Philadelphia Inquirer, Daily News and Philly.com. Offices are located in Bala Cynwyd, PA and Cherry Hill, NJ. For additional information, visit www.mgkflaw.com or call 484-430-5700 or 856-317-1299.

Wawa, Inc., a privately held company, traces its roots back to 1803 as an iron foundry in New Jersey. Owner George Wood started a dairy processing plant in Wawa, PA, in 1902. The milk business was a success, due to its quality, cleanliness and “certified” process. In 1964, George’s grandson Grahame Wood opened the first Wawa Food Market in Folsom, PA. Today the company operates more than 540 stores in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Wawa is known for its branded products including award-winning coffee and freshly prepared hoagies. Wawa consistently ranks among Forbes’ top 200 privately held companies. “Wawa” is the Leni-Lenape Indian word for flying goose.

NBC 10, one of 10 owned and operated NBC television stations, is located in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia. Millions of viewers throughout Greater Philadelphia, Lehigh Valley, South Jersey and Delaware tune into NBC 10 every day for the most up-to-date news, weather, sports, consumer, health and traffic reports. Viewers also tune in daily to watch the “The 10! Show” show, an upbeat, one-hour lifestyle and entertainment show featuring local, national and internationally known celebrities. The program airs live Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. Recognized as the number one website (www.nbc10.com) in the top 50 markets, NBC10.com received the prestigious National Edward R. Murrow Award.

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