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11th ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

\$10,000 in Honorariums to be Awarded in 2016

Application Deadline - March 21, 2016

**Region-Wide Search Spearheaded by
Wawa, 6abc and Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP**

Philadelphia, PA (February 9, 2016) – The Environmental Community Service Award, presented by Wawa, 6abc, and the environmental law firm Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), celebrates more than a decade of supporting environmental programs that improve the local community. The goal of the Environmental Community Service Award is to recognize two schools (6th to 12th grades) for their outstanding programs that enhance and improve the quality of life in their communities as well as raise awareness of environmental concerns. Understanding the importance of encouraging schools to launch or sustain environmental programs, media partner 6abc will help increase awareness of the award with their audiences throughout the Delaware Valley.

Each year two schools receive a \$5,000 honorarium to further their environmental programs. The application for this year's Environmental Community Service Award is available online at www.wawa.com/WawaWeb/PressReleases.aspx, <http://6abc.cm/1nVsHyd>, and www.mankogold.com/about-community.html. All applications must be signed by a school official and submitted by Monday, March 21, 2016. They should be sent to environmentalaward@mankogold.com. (More details below.) Surprise presentations will be made at the winning schools prior to Earth Day, April 22, 2016.

Since the program's inception, 20 schools in the tri-state area have been recognized for their outstanding programs. Last year, George W. Nebinger School in Philadelphia won for their entire campaign – “Go Green—One Team One Planet”. Their outdoor learning lab benefits students, families, and the community. Other supporting programs are in partnership with the Delaware Estuary, the Philadelphia Water Department, Philadelphia Water Works Interpretive Center, and Philly Magic Gardens.

The Douglass School in Wilmington, Delaware, for at-risk students, was recognized for their S.a.L.T. program—Students Serving Society and Learning Too. This multi-level program includes planting and harvesting vegetables in partnership with Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids.

Robb Fox, partner of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP who founded the Environmental Community Service award more than a decade ago, is proud of everything that has been accomplished through this award. “Every year I look forward to learning more about the great work being done in the schools and the positive impact their projects have on the community.”

Richard Wood, Director of Sustainability and Government Relations, for Wawa, said "We have always felt that this award program is a unique way to recognize students for their efforts to make our planet more sustainable and share their ideas and achievements with the community."

Bernie Prazenica, 6abc President and General Manager, is delighted to once again partner with the Environmental Community Service Award. "At 6abc, we take pride in the many ways we work to protect the environment and promote sustainability. The Action News team looks forward to showcasing the work of these bright, innovative students, while bringing focus to environmental concerns right here in our neighborhoods."

In prior years, the winner schools have been The Pathway School in Norristown, PA; South Philadelphia High School in Philadelphia; Central Bucks High School West in Doylestown, PA; Abington High School in Abington, PA; Williamstown Middle School in Williamstown, NJ, Hatboro-Horsham High School in Horsham, PA, Charles F. Patton Middle School in Kennett Square, PA; Father Judge and Lincoln High Schools in Philadelphia; Epiphany of Our Lord School in Plymouth Meeting, PA; Abraham Lincoln High School – Horticultural Academy in Philadelphia; Interboro High School in Prospect Park, PA; St. Francis Xavier School in the Fairmount section of Philadelphia; Cedarbrook Middle School in Wyncote; Gateway Regional High School in Woodbury Heights, NJ; W.B. Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences, Philadelphia.; Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander University of Pennsylvania Partnership School in West Phila; Friends Central Middle School in Merion, PA; and Camden High School in Camden, N.J.

The individuals who judge the programs are all experts in the field of the environment and science. They are representatives from The Franklin Institute, the Academy of Natural Sciences, the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center, Pennsylvania and New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection, and Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control along with someone representing each sponsor -- Wawa, 6abc, and MGKF.

The Environmental Community Service Award application is available to download at these links.

- Wawa – www.wawa.com/WawaWeb/PressReleases.aspx
- 6abc – <http://6abc.cm/1nVsHyd>
- Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP – www.mankogold.com/about-community.html

It can be sent electronically but it must be signed by a school official and sent from an official school e-mail address. Electronic applications are accepted at environmentalaward@mankogold.com or a hardcopy can be sent by mail to MGKF, Attn: Environmental Award, 401 City Avenue, Ste. 901, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004. For general information, contact Sharla Feldscher Public Relations, 215-627-0801, ext. 101.

About Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP:

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. Their commitment to education is

manifested in the lawyers' participation in environmental programs outside the office. *MGKF is honored to be the top-rated law firm, since 2011, in the Top Workplaces surveys by the Philadelphia Inquirer, Daily News and Philly.com.*

About Wawa, Inc.:

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 600 stores in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Florida. Wawa is known for its branded products including award-winning coffee and freshly prepared hoagies. Wawa consistently ranks among Forbes' top 100 privately held companies. "Wawa" is the Lenni-Lenape Indian word for flying goose.

About 6abc:

6abc Action News is the #1 local news brand in the tri-state, and the undisputed news leader for the past 35 years. 6abc.com, the official website of Action News, is also the #1 local TV news website in the market. WPVI-TV is the ABC-owned station serving the Delaware and Lehigh Valleys.

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\$10,000 IN PRIZES!!

Two schools will each be awarded a \$5,000 honorarium to enhance environmental programs.

2016 Environmental Community Service Award

Wawa, 6abc and the environmental law firm of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP are looking for school classes, clubs or teams (6th to 12th grade students) that currently have a worthwhile environmental community service school project, demonstrating a connection to their community. The criteria for projects includes, but is not limited to: establishing awareness of our natural and historic resources, and/or promoting community service that focuses on environmental and quality of life issues.

To qualify, classes in 6th grade to 12th grade must meet the following criteria:

- **Complete and submit this application by Monday March 21, 2016.**
(Photographs and other supporting information are optional.)
- Be located in the following Delaware Valley counties: Pennsylvania – Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery and Philadelphia; New Jersey -- Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Mercer; Delaware – Kent and New Castle.
- Send application to Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox's (MGKF) marketing department at environmentalaward@mankogold.com (providing it is sent from an official school e-mail address) or by regular mail to:

Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox
Attn: Environmental Award
401 City Avenue, Suite 901
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

All mailed applications must also be signed by a school official. (See details on the application below.)

The proposals from schools who meet the criteria above will be reviewed by a panel of judges from: Wawa, 6abc, MGKF, The Franklin Institute, Academy of Natural Sciences, the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center and representatives from Pennsylvania and New Jersey's Dept. of Environmental Protection and Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. The judges will select the top two projects and surprise award presentations will take place at the winning schools sometime prior to Earth Day (April 22, 2016).

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 21, 2016

Every application must be signed by a school official and/or sent electronically from an official school email.

2016 Environmental Community Service Award Application

School Name:

School Address:

School Official Name/Signature:

Phone Number(s):

Email:

School District:

CURRENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION (250 word maximum)

Teachers or school administrators should describe the program including how long the program has existed, how many students are involved and how it supports the community. You are invited to include photographs and also comments from students on why this program is beneficial.

Describe how your school will use the \$5000 award to enhance your environmental program.

Please return your completed application, signed by a school official by March 21, 2016 by mail to:

MGKF, Attn: Environmental Award
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Print this form or access it electronically at www.wawa.com; www.6abc.com or www.mankogold.com. Please download the application, complete, sign, and send it electronically from an official school email to environmentalaward@mankogold.com. If there are questions, please call award coordinator Sharla Feldscher, at 215-627-0801, ext. 101.