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Palmer Township Recognized as Silver Certified Sustainable Community

Palmer Township, PA – April 30, 2024. Palmer Township announced today it is among a select group of high performing municipalities to become certified through the Sustainable Pennsylvania program. Palmer is recognized at the Silver level of certification for meeting the program's rigorous performance criteria, which provide a foundational approach for building communities that thrive.

Sustainable Pennsylvania is managed by the Pennsylvania Municipal League (The League), in partnership with Sustainable Pittsburgh, and is designed for municipalities that are working to save money, conserve resources, and serve vibrant communities. The certification is offered statewide, recognizing boroughs, townships, cities, and home rule communities across the Commonwealth. The League and Sustainable Pittsburgh applaud local governments for their demonstrated commitment and sustainability performance.

In earning a Silver certification, Palmer is acknowledged for its progress in such areas as community design and land use, health and wellness, intergovernmental cooperation, recycling and waste reduction, fiscal controls, and internal management and operations. Details about Palmer's certification performance within these topics will be available at SustainablePA.org later this spring.

"Palmer Township is proud to be recognized as a Silver certified community by Sustainable Pennsylvania," said Robert Williams, Township Manager. "The Township has a long history of commitment to saving taxpayer dollars, using resources efficiently, and applying best practices in municipal operations and community development. We are pleased to be recognized and be part of this statewide community of good governance."

"We are delighted to see Palmer distinguished among local governments that are leading the way in applying sustainability to both their operations and management as well as within the community," said John Brenner, Executive Director of The League.

Sustainable Pennsylvania is intended to bring recognition to municipalities that are implementing the policies and practices of sustainability to advance community and regional prosperity. The program provides strategies, resources, and recognition to municipalities for improving quality of life and expanding opportunities for everyone.

“Sustainability requires a foundational approach that simultaneously integrates social equity, environmental stewardship, and economic development in decision-making,” said Joylette Portlock, Ph.D., Executive Director of Sustainable Pittsburgh. “Sustainable Pennsylvania provides municipal governments and stakeholders clear and recognizable sustainability objectives to share, so that they can foster thriving and vibrant communities, built to last.”

For more information, please visit SustainablePA.org or contact Paige Strasko, Environmental Administrator, at 610-253-7191.

About Palmer Township

Palmer Township is a community of approximately 23,000 people located near Easton, on the eastern end of the greater Lehigh Valley. Palmer prides itself in being a planned community for the last 55 years, and as a result, we have a mixture of home types, industrial centers and shopping facilities that meet most of the needs of our residents. Palmer Township is located on the eastern side of Pennsylvania near the Delaware River and close to New Jersey. We are approximately 60 miles from both New York City and Philadelphia. In fact, many of our residents work in eastern New Jersey and New York.

Palmer is one of the larger of the 34 municipalities in Northampton County. When measured on our citizen involvement in our youth sports programs and our various governmental boards, commissions, and committees we stand well above the others. Through the years, Palmer has been built by governmental officials who had a vision of what our township should be. A strong and active governing body - our Board of Supervisors - our township employees and the many volunteers continue to use that vision to make Palmer what it is today and will be in the future.

About the Pennsylvania Municipal League

The Pennsylvania Municipal League is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established in 1900 as an advocate for Pennsylvania's 3rd class cities. Today, The League represents participating Pennsylvania cities, boroughs, townships, home rule communities and towns that all share The League's municipal policy interests. The mission of the Pennsylvania Municipal League is to strengthen, empower and advocate for effective local government.

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About Sustainable Pittsburgh

Sustainable Pittsburgh is committed to building the knowledge, perspective, and ability needed to create a better tomorrow for our region. We're optimistic, having worked with nearly a thousand businesses, communities and organizations to take action using our customized frameworks to track progress and simultaneously advance social equity, environmental stewardship, and prosperity. The strategic networks we host leverage the collective expertise and diverse perspectives within our region to ensure our communities can meet our challenges today and thrive into the future. Together, we are co-creating a fundamentally equitable, resilient, healthy, and prosperous southwestern Pennsylvania. SustainablePittsburgh.org



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