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Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Partners with Westmoreland County Land Bank for Community Greening in the City of Latrobe, PA

(May 16, 2017) – Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, in partnership with the Westmoreland County Land Bank, will provide seed money to Adelphoi USA for the development of a pocket park on Ligonier Street in Latrobe PA. The proposed site is a former bakery that has been vacant for nearly a decade. Adelphoi will



Latrobe Mayor Rosemarie M. Wolford and youth from Adelphoi USA.

work with the Land Bank to transform the vacant lot into a pocket park that will include benches, herb gardens, lighting and iron flower sculptures. Youth from Adelphoi will participate in the project by assisting in the design of the flower sculptures, creating herb gardens and providing ongoing maintenance.

“It really is encouraging when we are able to have so many different people and organizations come together to make truly a wonderful project happen,” said April Kopas, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Westmoreland, the entity that demolished the unsafe commercial structure that once stood on the site. “We have been actively involved with several projects in Latrobe since they have joined the Land Bank, and this collaborative effort with officials of the City of Latrobe and Adelphoi make this ‘blight to

bright’ project possible. Thank you to the project funders –the Community Foundation of Westmoreland and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful- for investing in this valuable and visible community asset.”

“Community revitalization is so critical but resources are limited. When it comes to community greening, a little can go a long way by coordinating investments with economic and community planning already underway and then engaging local community organizations to nurture long-term community stewardship. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful is honored to provide assistance with the development of this pocket park and we look forward to seeing the transformation from a blighted property to a valuable asset for the City of Latrobe as well as for the local residents,” said Shannon Reiter, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful President.

About Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful’s mission is empowering Pennsylvanians to make our communities clean and beautiful. Since 1990, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and its volunteers have removed over 126 million pounds of litter from Pennsylvania’s roadways, greenways, parks, forests, and waterways. To learn more about Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, visit www.keeppabeautiful.org.