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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Hosts Regional Waste and Recycling Roundtable**

(November 17, 2017) – This week, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful celebrated America Recycles Day by hosting a regional Waste and Recycling Roundtable in Meadville, Crawford County for recycling coordinators, Keep America Beautiful Affiliates and other professionals. Discussion focused on topics related to universal access to convenient and affordable trash disposal and recycling and included on Act 101, the Municipal Waste Planning Recycling and Waste Reduction Act that requires larger municipalities to recycle, the Waste Electronic Equipment Recovery Act that establishes a recovery and management program for waste electronic equipment and various litter fine bills currently introduced. Nearly 30 waste and recycling professionals from over 11 counties attended.

Jill Dunlap, Zoning Officer, West Mead Township; Jerry Zona, Director Lawrence-Mercer Recycling/Solid Waste Department; and Jack Crow, Operations Supervisor, Waste Management Program, DEP Northwest Region, led a panel discussion of enforcing waste and recycling laws at the community level.

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful reviewed their enforcement support tools and resources available to local communities through their [Illegal Dump Free PA Program](#), including a security camera loan program available to municipalities throughout Pennsylvania that captures evidence of illegal dumping at active illegal dumpsites, aiding in convictions.

“For nearly three decades, the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful network has properly disposed of 872,000 tires and recycled more than 4.8 million pounds of electronics, but our goal isn’t to clean up trash, it is to prevent these materials from being dumped in the first place. We believe that it is time for a more comprehensive approach to waste and recycling management in Pennsylvania,” Explained Shannon Reiter, President of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. “We are honored to bring together professionals to share ideas and continue this significant discussion.”

#### **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](http://www.keeppabeautiful.org).

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