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**Representative Rob Mercuri Nominates Allegheny County Resident, Lynn Appman, for the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Community Pride Award**



Lynn Appman receives Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Community Pride Award from PA State Representative Mercuri.

PA State Representative Rob Mercuri, PA House District 28 of Allegheny County, nominated Lynn Appman for the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Community Pride Award in recognition of her efforts with the McCandless 'Litter Getters' and coordinating roadside cleanups through the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Pick Up Pennsylvania program.

"It was a pleasure to present a House of Representatives citation to Lynn Appman for her work with the McCandless 'Litter Getters'. Lynn helps organize two community clean up days each year. She also advocates for better state policies regarding litter reduction and making our state look more beautiful. Her commitment to environmental stewardship is second to none." said Representative Mercuri.

Appman is passionate about keeping Pennsylvania beautiful and dedicates her free time to encourage others to join her cause. Representative Mercuri presented Appman with the award and citation at a recent ceremony at the District office.

“Thank you, Representative Mercuri, for this award. I am humbled and honored to receive it. We can all make a big difference keeping Pennsylvania Beautiful. I always carry a bag with me to pick up litter on walks and help educate people about the negative effects of litter. Get others involved by organizing cleanups in your community. It takes all of us to keep our state clean,” said Appman.

“Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful congratulates and commends Lynn for her efforts to keep Allegheny County clean and beautiful. I am delighted to recognize Lynn for her work with the McCandless Litter Getters and for her advocacy for a clean and beautiful Pennsylvania. Thank you for keeping our shared public spaces clean, safe and beautiful,” said Shannon Reiter, President of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful.

Clean and beautiful communities tend to see less littering and other illegal behavior, making it a better place for all residents and providing a foundation for community and economic development.

“We are grateful for Representative Mercuri for recognizing Lynn for her many contributions to the local community. We encourage all public officials to recognize the noble and necessary work and the special people who coordinate local programs that keep our communities clean and beautiful,” said Reiter.

The Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Community Pride Award recognizes outstanding environmental stewardship by an individual, school, community organization or civic group that makes an outstanding commitment to litter control, recycling, beautification or general environmental stewardship. The community Pride Award is available to elected officials to recognize those in the community working to change behaviors at the local level. Elected officials interested in nominating a constituent for a [Community Pride Award](#) should visit [keepbeautiful.org](http://keepbeautiful.org) and choose grants and awards, then awards, then Community Pride Award for more information. The award is open on a rolling basis.

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### **About Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful**

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful’s vision is a clean and beautiful Pennsylvania. Since 1990, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful has worked with hundreds of thousands of volunteers across the state to pick up nearly 155 million pounds of trash from Pennsylvania's roadways, waterways, greenways, vacant lots, forestlands and other community spaces. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful’s core programming focuses on litter and illegal dump prevention, cleanup, community greening, and proper waste handling and sustainable practices. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful works with many partnering organizations on the state and grassroots level to accomplish our goal of a clean and beautiful Pennsylvania. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful is the state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., the nation’s largest volunteer-based community action and education organization. To learn more about Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, visit [www.keppabeautiful.org](http://www.keppabeautiful.org).