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Nominations for 2008 Friend of the Lehigh River Awards

Emmaus, PA (March 19, 2008) – Nominations are currently being sought for the Friend of the Lehigh River Award. The award is given annually by Wildlands Conservancy in acknowledgement of individuals, groups, organizations, businesses, institutions, governmental bodies, and others who deserve to be recognized for their commitment to preserving, protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Lehigh River and the Lehigh River valley. The deadline for nominations is Friday, May 2, 2008.

Nominations can be submitted by a one-page summary of the nominee's accomplishments and justification for receiving the award. Contact information of the nominee and the group or individual making the nomination should be included. Send the information, postmarked no later than May 2, 2008, to Friend of the Lehigh River Award Nomination Committee, c/o Wildlands Conservancy, 3701 Orchid Place, Emmaus, PA 18049.

This year's award winners will be announced during the 12th Annual Lehigh River Sojourn, being held June 20 – June 25, 2008. A small reception will be held on Monday, June 23 at Triboro Sportmans Club.

“This award recognizes those individuals or organizations that make stewardship of the Lehigh River a top priority. The award winners are dedicated not only to maintaining the beauty of the river, but understand the importance of this natural resource for the present and future generations,” comments Christopher Kocher, president of Wildlands Conservancy.

About Wildlands Conservancy

Wildlands Conservancy is dedicated to saving the natural treasures of the Lehigh Valley and the Lehigh River valley for current residents and future generations. Its mission is to preserve, protect, restore and enhance the land, water, ecological and recreational resources of the Lehigh Valley and the Lehigh River valley. Established in 1973, the Conservancy collaborates with partnerships throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to achieve its goals. As a non-profit, member-supported organization, the Conservancy has protected more than 46,000 acres of critical farmland and wildlands in 18 counties of eastern Pennsylvania. For more information, please visit www.wildlandspa.org.

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