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**WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY  
ANNOUNCES BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR 2008**

(Emmaus, PA, March 28, 2008) – Wildlands Conservancy is pleased to announce the appointment of eight new board members for 2008. The appointees, as well as existing board members, are charged with providing oversight of the non-profit organization’s mission to preserve, protect, restore, and enhance the land, water ecological and recreational resources of the Lehigh Valley and the Lehigh River valley. The following were elected to their first term as board members: Joseph C. Colosi, Ph.D., Professor, DeSales University; Eric Eberhardt, Owner, Eberhardt Motors; Howard Graeffe, President, Valleywide Property Management, LLC; Jane Ervin, CEO & President, Community Services for Children; Bill Leiner, Jr., Lehigh County, Office of Commissioners-*ex-officio*; Brian Nagle, Environmental Supervisor, PPL Services Corporation; Edward D. Richards, Senior Financial Advisor, Richards, Meli & Associates and Ferdinand Thun, retired, former director of planned giving, Lehigh University. Wildlands Conservancy Board Chairman, David Shaffer says, “I take this opportunity to welcome the new members to the Board of Directors. Their collective knowledge and expertise will be invaluable to furthering the mission of Wildlands Conservancy.”

The outgoing members of the Board of Directors are: Ray Erb, Jr., Ed.D.; Karen Nestor, Owner, Nestor's Sporting Goods; Gloria Peter Pool, community volunteer; Charles Scagliotti, M.D. and Clifford Trumbo, Vice President, Facilities Management at Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital. Wildlands Conservancy President Christopher Kocher states, "As board terms end, we would like to thank those outgoing members who have contributed so much of their time and energy to sustaining and improving our organization and its important goals. I personally congratulate them on the accomplishments that have been made under their leadership and know they will remain loyal advocates to our cause."

### **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 45,000 acres of critical farmland and wildlands in 18 counties of eastern Pennsylvania. For more information, please visit [www.wildlandspa.org](http://www.wildlandspa.org).

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