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Allegheny Energy employees take part in beautification project at Greensburg-Hempfield Business Park

Hagerstown, Md., June 19, 2001 – Employees from Allegheny Energy planted trees and shrubs as part of a volunteer project to beautify the Greensburg-Hempfield Business Park in Hempfield Township. This project is another example of Allegheny Energy’s ongoing commitment to environmental leadership and stewardship and to the communities it serves.

Through its Environmental Stewardship Program, Allegheny Energy provides funding and in-kind services to nonprofit and civic organizations involved in environmental education, enhancement, conservation, and community service. The Company supports and participates in meaningful stewardship projects that produce measurable benefits for the environment.

Employees from Allegheny’s Information Services group and their families planted trees and shrubs and put down mulch along two traffic islands on Woodward Drive Extension and around the park benches on Woodward Drive. The volunteers also cleaned up litter and debris along the roads in the business park. Approximately 30 employees and family members participated in the project, planting trees donated by PA CleanWays of Westmoreland County.

“The employees, families, and friends of Allegheny Energy are to be commended for their commitment to the environment and the communities of Hempfield Township,” says William J. Reese, Secretary-Treasurer, Hempfield Township Supervisors.

In addition, Allegheny Energy has contributed \$1,000 to the Greensburg-Hempfield Business Park to help support additional environmental enhancements. In 2000, the Company donated approximately \$102,000 to environmental organizations in Pennsylvania through its Environmental Stewardship Program.

“Allegheny Energy, through our Environmental Stewardship Program, is pleased to donate time and resources to help enhance the Greensburg-Hempfield Business Park,” says Pamela M. Pershing, the Company’s Advisor, Strategic Environmental Management. “We are especially proud of our Information Services employees for their voluntary participation in environmental stewardship activities that help make our region a better place to live and work.”

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