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Calvert County Citizens Green Team Holds Second Annual Sustainable Business Awards *Nominations Are Being Accepted Now Through August 31*

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – July 27, 2011 – The Calvert County Citizens Green Team is seeking nominations for the second annual Sustainable Business Awards, sponsored by the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners to recognize local businesses and builders that are implementing sustainable practices that help reduce energy use and preserve resources.

The annual Sustainable Business Awards will be offered in two categories. The **Sustainable Business of the Year** award will honor a Calvert County business that has installed a significant energy-saving project within the last two years and/or is selling or providing a certified green product. The business will have actively worked to inform the public about the new project or product, provided documentation that the product meets energy savings goals and prominently and effectively posted green project or product endorsement on the business website and in promotional materials.

The **Sustainable Builder of the Year** award will be presented to a Calvert County builder that has constructed a certified green house within the last two years. Projects may be certified through the National Association of Home Builders, Energy Star, Green Globe or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). Nominees will have documented and/or projected the energy savings of the project. Additional criteria to be considered are the implementation and effectiveness of the stormwater management plan and the location of the building site in proximity to a town center.

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Nominations for both awards will be accepted through August 31, 2011. Individuals, businesses and organizations are eligible for nomination, and self-nomination is accepted. Nomination forms are available at the Department of Planning & Zoning, 150 Main Street, Room 304, Prince Frederick or online at www.co.cal.md.us/News/NewsHighlight8.asp. Awards will be presented at a Board of County Commissioners' meeting in October, 2011. Please contact Denise Cherry at 410-535-1600, ext. 2340 for further information.

The Calvert County Citizens Green Team is a group of county residents and business owners working to promote sustainable practices in the community. The team coordinates the annual Calvert County Green Expo.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to approximately 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.