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**SRBC PRESENTS THE WILLIAM JEANES ENVIRONMENTAL  
EXCELLENCE AWARD TO PPL PROJECT EARTH**  
**PPL's Project Earth and Community of Volunteers Recognized for Their  
Support of the Susquehanna Basin Streamside Cleanup Program**

SCRANTON, Pa. – The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) today presented the Commission's third *William W. Jeanes, Sr. Award for Environmental Excellence* to PPL Project Earth for its support of the Susquehanna Basin Streamside Cleanup Program. PPL Project Earth is PPL Corporation's company-wide commitment to the environment – showcasing environmental education, emission reduction efforts and the employee-based volunteer program. James Seif, Vice President of Corporate Relations, PPL Corporation, was on hand to accept the award.

PPL Project Earth was the first to partner with SRBC in 2000 to kick-off the Streamside Cleanup Program. The cleanup program is a public-private partnership designed to help communities and local grassroots organizations clean up their streams to reduce the amount of litter impacting the environment and downstream communities, including those along the Chesapeake Bay shoreline. In partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), PPL Project Earth and PA Cleanways, SRBC has funded more than 65 cleanup projects and provided training to groups and individuals who want to make their streamside cleanup projects long-lasting and effective.

To date, PPL Project Earth has contributed \$40,000 to the Streamside Cleanup Program with a commitment for an additional \$10,000 in 2005.

“In addition to the financial support, PPL Project Earth volunteers have donated untold hours of their own time to help clean up streams and plant trees to restore riparian buffers,” said Paul Swartz, SRBC executive director. “Their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment to cleaning up the environment are the very values that exemplify SRBC's William Jeanes Award.

“As a protector of the Chesapeake Bay, William Jeanes was vigilant about the quality and quantity of the water coming from the bay's largest tributary, the Susquehanna River. PPL's commitment to working with upstream communities to reduce the amount of litter reaching the Chesapeake Bay is a true testament to the company's understanding of watershed protection and interstate cooperation.”

William W. Jeanes, Sr. lived from 1909 to 1987. He was born in Wayne, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Harvard University in 1931 with degrees in Engineering and Geology. He lived

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most of his life in the upper Chesapeake Bay region in Maryland where he became actively involved in the preservation of the Chesapeake Bay.

Among his many notable contributions, Williams Jeanes was the co-founder of the Upper Chesapeake Watershed Association in 1952 and served as the group's president for eight years. During his involvement with the watershed association, Jeanes led the group as an intervener during the relicensing proceedings of the four hydroelectric dams on the lower Susquehanna River. As interveners, the watershed association worked to ensure that fish passage facilities would be provided at the dams and that adequate minimum flows would be maintained to the bay from the Conowingo Dam – the last dam before the Chesapeake Bay.

SRBC is the governing agency established under a 100-year compact signed on December 24, 1970 by the federal government and the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to protect and wisely manage the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin. The Susquehanna River starts in Cooperstown, N.Y., and flows 444 miles to Havre de Grace, Md., where the river meets the Chesapeake Bay.

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