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Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful' Surveillance Support Program Aids in Illegal Dumping Convictions in Armstrong and Indiana Counties

(May 1, 2014) – As a result of increased enforcement measures in Armstrong and Indiana counties, there were two citations issued recently. On April 3, Thomas Jay Buchner of Lutheran Church Road in Spring Church, Armstrong County, was cited for scattering rubbish upon land and stream within Armstrong County. Buchner plead guilty, was ordered to clean up the dumped trash, pay for proper disposal, and was fined \$241. The other incident occurred in Indiana County. The perpetrator was a juvenile.

Through Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's Illegal Dump Surveillance Support Program, cameras are being rotated throughout Armstrong and Indiana counties to help capture evidence at active, illegal dumpsites. "The challenges are many when it comes to enforcement of laws against illegal dumping, and much of it comes down to limited resources," explains Shannon Reiter, President of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. "Our goal was to find an economical way for local authorities to capture photographic evidence efficiently." The motion activated, covert security camera package provides instant wireless transmission of site activity, photo documentation of license plates at speeds up to 50 MPH, and clear photos of activity, day or night. So far, the program has been instrumental in the prosecution and conviction of individuals from Allegheny, Armstrong, Elk, and Indiana counties.

"Surveillance cameras and strengthened enforcement partnerships will make it difficult to anonymously dump and escape prosecution," states Reiter. Funding for surveillance support in the Kiski-Conemaugh basin was provided to Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful by a regional nonprofit.

For camera information go to <http://keepbeautiful.org/KeepIt/Enforcement.aspx>.

About Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's mission is empowering Pennsylvanians to make our communities clean and beautiful. Since 1990, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and its volunteers have removed over 105 million pounds of litter from Pennsylvania's roadways, greenways, parks, forests, and waterways. To learn more about Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, visit www.keepbeautiful.org.