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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and Elk County Solid Waste Authority to Host Municipal Waste, Recycling and Enforcement Forum in Elk County**

**(May 1, 2018)** – [Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful](http://www.keeppabeautiful.org) and [Elk County Solid Waste Authority](http://www.elkcounty.org) are hosting a forum on May 31 for regional, state and local officials to share ideas concerning the management of waste and recycling and enforcement of illegal dumping and littering in Pennsylvania. Those who should attend include municipal and county officials, recycling coordinators, enforcement partners and interested community stakeholders that are working to address proper management of waste and recycling in their communities.

WHAT: Municipal Waste, Recycling and Enforcement Forum  
WHEN: Thursday, May 31, 2018  
TIMES: 10:00 AM-3:00 PM  
WHERE: Fox Township Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Hall, 381 Main Street, Kersey, PA 15846

The day's agenda will include: a municipal waste and recycling regulatory overview and municipal programs and their impact; a panel discussion focusing on enforcement of illegal dumping and littering on public lands; KPB enforcement support tools and resources available to local communities; and the role convenience centers play in ensuring universal access to convenient and affordable trash disposal and recycling for everything from electronics to household trash.

"We are thrilled that Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful has offered to make this event possible, and we are encouraging anyone who has the shared goals of making our communities beautiful places to live, work and visit to attend," said Bekki Titchner, Recycling/Solid Waste Coordinator.

"Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful supports universal access to convenient and affordable trash disposal and recycling as a critical component of any plan to prevent litter and illegal dumping. This forum is about building lasting partnerships across several agencies and organizations and sharing resources, knowledge and expertise to help solve waste management and dumping issues with greater ease and efficiency," explained Shannon Reiter, President of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. "Elk County Recycling already provides their residents with multiple drop-off locations for a variety of materials including tires and appliances. We want to look at what works and build on that."

Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP by May 23, 2018 to Barb Smerkar, [bsmerkar@keepabbeautiful.org](mailto:bsmerkar@keepabbeautiful.org) or by calling 724-836-4121.

#### **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 126 million pounds of litter from Pennsylvania's roadways, greenways, parks, forests, and waterways. To learn more about Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, visit [www.keeppabeautiful.org](http://www.keeppabeautiful.org).

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