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### *Cumberland County Receives EPA's 2017 Energy Star Award*

**Carlisle, Pa.** – Cumberland County recently received the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2017 Energy Star Award, making this the seventh straight year the County has been recognized for its energy conservation operations. The award acknowledges superior energy performance for the Main Courthouse, which is the only courthouse in Pennsylvania to receive this award and one of only nineteen nationwide to earn this recognition in 2017.

“We're honored to earn the ENERGY STAR for superior energy performance of the Main Courthouse and appreciate the efforts of everyone who has been involved in its efficient operation,” said Vince DiFilippo, chairman of the Board of Commissioners. “Saving energy is just one of the ways we show our community we care, and that we're committed to doing our part to protect the environment and public health, both today and for future generations.”

ENERGY STAR certified buildings and plants are verified to perform in the top 25% of buildings nationwide, based on weather-normalized source energy use that takes into account occupancy, hours of operation and other key metrics. ENERGY STAR is the only energy efficiency certification in the United States that is based on actual, verified energy performance. On average, ENERGY STAR certified buildings and plants use 35% less energy, cause 35% fewer greenhouse gas emissions and are less expensive to operate than their peers—all without sacrifices in performance or comfort. The reduction in emissions is the equivalent to removing 300 passenger cars from the road each year.

Overseen by the County's Facilities Management Department, the energy conservation plan was implemented in 2005 and the County enrolled in a Guaranteed Energy Savings Program, with a 15-year guaranteed payback. Within seven years of implementing, Cumberland County received a complete return on the \$1.9 million investment and continues to see substantial savings of taxpayer dollars in utility costs,

while also reducing the impact of greenhouse gases on our environment. Cumberland County was the first county in the state to implement the Guaranteed Energy Savings Program, authorized by Pennsylvania Act 57, also known as the Guaranteed Energy Savings Act.

The Facilities Management Department is a support division for County departments and is responsible for the maintenance and up-keep of more than 28 buildings and properties, maintained or owned by Cumberland County. Their Department oversees maintenance, janitorial and construction needs for all County departments. Find more details online at [www.ccpa.net/117/Facilities-Management](http://www.ccpa.net/117/Facilities-Management).

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*Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth and offers the perfect mix of small town, suburban and rural living. Established in 1750, Cumberland County consistently maintains one of the lowest tax and unemployment rates in the State, while providing exceptional services for its nearly 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at [www.ccpa.net](http://www.ccpa.net).*