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Energy Savings at Cumberland County Tops \$4 Million

County Courthouse receives EPA's Energy Star® Award; Only PA Courthouse Honored for the Past 13 Years

Carlisle, PA – Committed to maintaining energy efficiency, Cumberland County has saved over \$4 million in the past 13 years, and has been awarded the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2018 ENERGY STAR® Award, making this the eighth straight year the county has been recognized for its proactive approach to energy conservation.

The Cumberland County Courthouse is the only courthouse in Pennsylvania to receive the award this year, and is one of only 23 courthouses nationwide to earn this recognition. Each year the EPA honors businesses and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to protecting the environment through superior energy efficiency achievements.

“We are appreciative of this award, and we congratulate all of our county employees who have been involved in the efficient operation of our county courthouse,” said Vince DiFilippo, Board of Commissioners Chairman. “The county is committed to doing its part to save energy and protect our environment not only for today, but for the future.”

Cumberland County implemented the following energy saving measures including:

- Replaced lighting in county buildings and parking lots
- Installed low flow spigots, reducing water consumption
- Installed a laundry ozone system at Claremont Nursing and the county prison
- Installed energy saving motion sensors on vending machines
- Installation of an energy management system that provides remote computer control access to the county's HVAC systems
- Installed motion and voice activated motion sensors for energy saving lighting controls
- Several energy efficient equipment replacements including boilers, cooling tower and HVAC

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Energy Star certified buildings and plants are verified to perform in the top 25% of buildings nationwide. Energy Star, the only energy efficiency certification in the United States, is based on actual, engineered verification of 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 without sacrifices in performance or comfort.

The reduction in emissions for all county facilities 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 the first 7 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, a support division for county departments, is responsible for the maintenance and up-keep of more than 28 buildings and properties, maintained or owned by Cumberland County. The department oversees maintenance, janitorial and construction needs.

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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 more than 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at www.ccpa.net.