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**Bethel Park Municipality Receives ‘Gold’ Level Certification Recognition as Sustainable Community**

*Bethel Park, PA* – The Municipality of Bethel Park has just received notification that it received “Gold” level certification through the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification Program placing it among a select group of high-performing municipalities.

This Gold level status recognizes that Bethel Park has met the program’s rigorous performance criteria which tracks 131 policies and practices that define a sustainable community.

“We’re incredibly proud to get this certification,” said Bethel Park Municipal Manager Laurence Christian. “This took lot of work and many hours of effort led by our Director of Engineering, Stacey Graf.”

The Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification, managed by the Pennsylvania Municipal League in partnership with Sustainable Pittsburgh, is designed for municipalities working to save money, conserve resources and serve vibrant communities. The certification is implemented statewide, recognizing boroughs, municipalities, cities, and home rule municipalities across the Commonwealth.

 In earning the Gold certification, Bethel Park Municipality is being acknowledged for its progress in areas such as: community design and land use, energy efficiency, health and wellness, intergovernmental cooperation, recycling and waste reduction, fiscal controls, and internal management and operations.

“The Sustainable Community Certification is a great honor to have achieved,” said Bethel Park Director of Engineering Stacey Graf. “The Municipality works hard to ensure that taxpayer dollars are used efficiently as we strive to make Bethel Park sustainable for future generations. By going through this certification program, we’re now better able to communicate policies to our residents, and we have a road map in place for a sustainable path to excellence as we move forward.”

The Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification brings recognition to municipalities implementing policies and practices of sustainability to advance community and regional prosperity and serves as a mechanism for sharing best practices for creating a more sustainable Pennsylvania.

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"We are delighted to see Bethel Park Municipality distinguished among local governments that are leading the way in applying sustainability to both their operations and management as well as within the community," said Anne McCollum, Pennsylvania Municipal League director of training and development.

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