Press Release

Thank you to Keep Tennessee Beautiful and Tennessee Department of Transportation's Nobody Trashes Tennessee for honoring Keep Chester County Beautiful with two awards this week at the 40th Annual Biennial Keep Tennessee Beautiful Conference. KCCB received first place for the Litter Grant Education Program, and second place for the Public Education Award, for a total of $8,000 in funding. The money received will go to the education and outreach program for Keep Chester County Beautiful and the West Tennessee Regional Recycling Hub.

TDOT recently recognized seventeen winners of the Keep Tennessee Beautiful Awards of Excellence Grant Competition, presenting a total of $54,000 in grants to environmental leaders across the state.

The winners were announced during the TDOT/KTnB Biennial Conference, held in Chattanooga Sept. 27-28 and celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Keep Tennessee Beautiful. KTnB Executive Director Missy Marshall hosted the conference with the theme "Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Progress, and Building the Future. Michael McClanahan, TDOT Transportation Manager of the Highway Beautification Office, was on hand to help present the awards.

"This was a milestone year for Keep Tennessee Beautiful, as we celebrated 40 years of serving Tennessee and helping educate and inspire our citizens daily to improve and beautify their communities," Marshall said. "We are grateful to TDOT for their generous participation in KTnB's Awards of Excellence Grant Competition. These environmental leaders work tirelessly to help keep our state clean with litter cleanup and education and prevention initiatives statewide. They truly are making a difference."

The Executive Director of KCCB and Recycling Hub Director, Amber Greene, and Education Coordinator, Tammy Marr also did a presentation on the West TN Regional Recycling Hub and how it is a part of the critical infrastructure in West Tennessee for rural communities to recycle. Visit KeepTNBeautiful.org for the full list of grant recipients.