

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY ANNOUNCES YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

ISELIN, NJ, March 25, 2009 – Do you have an idea for improving the environment and protecting the earth? If you are a student in Grades 7-12, Middlesex Water Company may be able to help you bring your environmental project to reality through its newly created Youth Environmental Stewardship (YES) Awards Program.

The YES Awards are designed to help individuals, school clubs, scouting or other organizations turn their ideas for preserving our natural resources into action. Young people committed to the environment are invited to apply for Middlesex Water YES mini-grants to help fund their projects. Project examples may include recycling campaigns, watershed protection efforts, planting trees and gardens, park clean-ups, etc. Creative and unique approaches to environmental education efforts are also highly encouraged. Projects must be completed between May 15, 2009 and March 15, 2010. Student or student group submissions must be sponsored by an adult.

All applications will be reviewed by a YES Awards Committee and grants awarded based on criteria including: the scope of the environmental effort, clearly defined project objectives, benefits to the environment, and the sustainability impact of the proposed project.

“Middlesex Water is working to preserve natural resources by utilizing renewable energy, practicing responsible water and wastewater management practices and educating customers about wise water use,” said Bernadette M. Sohler, Middlesex Water Vice President-Corporate Affairs. “But all of us can play a role in taking care of our environment and protecting it for future generations. Through the YES Awards, we are proud to partner with youth who want to make a difference in their communities and are committed to making the earth a better place,” she added.

Middlesex Water Company, organized in 1897, is a water utility serving customers in central and southern New Jersey and in the State of Delaware.

YES award applications are available by calling Middlesex Water Company at (732) 634-1500. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2009. Winners will be announced in late April. For questions, or additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company, call (732) 634-1500 or visit the Company’s web site at www.middlesexwater.com

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