



February 5, 2008

On behalf of The Trust for Public Land (TPL) and the National Association of Counties (NACo), we are thrilled to inform you that Harris County has been chosen as the winner in the large population category for our fourth Annual County Leadership in Conservation Awards. This year's application pool included many accomplished conservation programs, however, your submission impressed our selection committee with its overall high quality in all aspects.

As you know, TPL and NACo, in partnership with the National Association of County Planners and the National Association of County Parks and Recreation Officials, developed the program to recognize leadership, innovation, and excellence by forward-thinking county leaders in local land conservation. Your program not only distinguished itself by meeting these qualifications, but also surpassed the many other accomplished applications we received this year.

We are delighted to honor your worthy program this year, and to invite a representative of Harris County to attend the Awards Presentation held on Saturday, March 1st, 2008 at NACo's Annual Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. The following attachment contains additional details regarding the reception and the \$1,000 travel scholarship for your county to use for the Awards Presentation.

Congratulations again on your winning program!

Sincerely,

Will Rogers

President,
The Trust for Public Land

Eric Coleman

President, National Association of Counties and
Commissioner, Oakland County, MI

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