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Lackawanna County Commissioners Announce Retirement of Lange

SCRANTON, PA- Today, Lackawanna County Majority Commissioners A.J. Munchak and Robert C. Cordaro announced the retirement of William D. Lange, Farmland Preservation Program Administrator for the Lackawanna County Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

Mr. Lange was appointed to the position in 1991.

Mr. Lange was instrumental in the establishment of the program and due to his dedication, 25 farms with 2300 acres are now secure from development. Lange was also involved in developing partnerships between conservation districts, local governments, landowners, developers, the mining industry and other businesses.

Over the years, Lange has actively served his county with energy and enthusiasm. As a worker and leader, he was the forefront of environmental improvement and farmland protection, while working to enhance the quality of life for people in the community. He was awarded the NACD's (The National Association of Conservation Districts) special service award in 1998 for his efforts in promoting urban conservation.

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“We are very proud to honor Bill Lange and his outstanding service to the people of Lackawanna County. We are pleased that Bill will continue to serve as a member of our Council on Environmental Quality and Preservation,” said Commissioner Robert C. Cordaro.

Mr. Lange served on the State Conservation Commission for 22 years and was honored by Governor Robert P. Casey for his conservation efforts. He was the president of the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts and the state association honored him with the first William Lange Urban Conservation Award.