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ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF OUR CITIZENS
FROM THE DESK OF JUDGE/EXECUTIVE HARRY L. BERRY

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*Taking successful steps toward our goal—
"To become the Commonwealth's Premier County"*

We make progress everyday!

Your County Government is working in many ways to fulfill its mission to become a premier place to work, to live, and to raise our families.

GRANT FUNDS— Help us improve

Through a five-month process of researching, preparing, submitting, and tracking our grant application, the County Engineering, Finance, and Solid Waste Departments secured a \$426,500 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. This is a portion of the \$3.2 billion allocated within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for funding local energy

The county's ongoing methane gas collection system at our Pearl Hollow Landfill is slated to receive approximately 85% of the county's grant funding to expand and improve the gas collection system. The improvement and expansion of the system will allow us to nearly double our current collection rate of methane gas. Once the expansion and upgrades are completed, our collection system will produce enough electricity to power the equivalent of 3,000 homes in our county.

LOW PROPERTY TAXES— Help us help ourselves

Your County Government took a major step to assist our recovery from the current economic recession by maintaining our Real Property Tax Rate at the lowest level in 20 years. Many county residents continue to be unemployed or underemployed. This is not the time to raise tax rates on these families. To allow rates to rise now would place an additional hardship on those struggling households. As a result, County Government may need to utilize a modest amount of our savings "to make ends meet" just as most families are doing.

RABIES CLINIC— Successful



The County's Animal Control Staff, with the help of community volunteers, staged another successful rabies clinic last month. They administered 89 rabies vaccinations and 28 distemper/parvo vaccinations for only \$5 per vaccination. This service is available to all citizens throughout the county to improve the health of our pets.



RECYCLING NEWS



Your County Government is committed to enhancing the quality of our natural resources, especially the water in our rivers and streams.

On September 19, County Government partnered with Akebono Brake Company to stage a **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day** at the Akebono plant site.

On this day, we collected **7,398 pounds** of hazardous waste and **FIVE gallons** of prescription tablets. This is waste that otherwise may have ended up in our water supply.