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Conserve Georgia Awards Honor Businesses and Organizations for Creating a Culture of Conservation

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ATLANTA – Governor Sonny Perdue today announced winners of the 2009 Conserve Georgia’s Natural Leaders Awards and the 2009 Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia Awards to recognize initiatives that have produced outstanding conservation achievements. Governor Perdue started Conserve Georgia with the goal of encouraging a statewide culture of conservation that helps preserve and sustain the state for generations to come.

The Conserve Georgia Awards recognize those helping to create a culture of conservation through energy, land, wildlife and water conservation; the improvement of air quality; the prevention of litter; and the promotion of recycling. The *Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia Awards* recognize Partners, including businesses, organizations and municipalities for excellence in leading the way to a sustainable Georgia.

“We are blessed to live in a state with bountiful natural resources. It’s our responsibility to be good stewards of those resources so that Georgia can continue to prosper for generations to come,” said Governor Sonny Perdue. “The culture of conservation is taking hold. Today’s award-winners have incorporated conservation into their lives and business practices and in doing so have become leaders. They should be recognized for their accomplishments.”

The 2009 Conserve Georgia Award winners are as follows.

Air Quality Award -- Clean Air Campaign, Atlanta

Energy Conservation Award -- Darton College, Albany

Water Conservation Award -- Noramco, Inc., Athens

Water Conservation Award -- Southface Energy Institute, Atlanta

Land Conservation Award -- The Nature Conservancy in Georgia, Atlanta

Wildlife Conservation Award -- Georgia Power Wildlife Management Program, Atlanta

Recycling Award -- Pull-A-Part, LLC, Atlanta

Litter Award -- DeKalb County Government – Keep DeKalb Beautiful, Decatur

The 2009 Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia Award winners are as follows:

Advocate of the Year -- SouthEast Green, Atlanta

Outreach and Employee Involvement Award – Elanco, Augusta

Rising Environmental Steward Award -- The City of Savannah

Continual Improvement Award -- Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, Marietta

Innovation Award – InterfaceFLOR, LaGrange

Sustainability Award -- Pull-A-Part, Conley & Norcross locations

Partner of the Year – Noramco, Athens

The www.ConserveGeorgia.org Web site serves as an information portal with links to dozens of conservation programs that are implemented by state agencies and additional resources. For more information on the *Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia*, visit www.GASustainability.org.

A Culture of Conservation

The *Conserve Georgia* program was developed to foster a culture of conservation throughout the state of Georgia. Nine state agencies and authorities are working together with businesses, civic leaders, educational institutions, non-profit organizations and residents to make Georgia's air, land, water, energy and wildlife resources more sustainable now and for generations to come. The program's Web site – www.ConserveGeorgia.org – serves as a portal to help Georgians find information on a wide range of conservation resources and programs.

Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia

Free and open to any business, the *Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia* was established by the Sustainability Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to foster environmental leadership and recognize superior environmental performance. The Partnership offers a variety of incentives, including cost savings through increased efficiencies, potential regulatory flexibility, free technical assistance and training, and access to networking and mentoring among peers, state and local officials. For more information, visit www.GASustainability.org.

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