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Mayor Jacqueline Goodall Named 2014 Recipient of Environmental Service Award by Prince George's Sierra Club Group

Bowie, Md. – Forest Heights Mayor Jacqueline Goodall was awarded the Prince George's Sierra Club Group's prestigious Walter "Mike" Maloney Environmental Service Award June 29 at the group's annual picnic at Allen Pond Park.

"It is an honor to receive this award," Goodall said. "I pray that I am able to continue to raise the consciousness of our need to work for clean and trash-free waterways, not only for the environment, but for our own health and the health of our children."

Every year, the Prince George's Group of the Sierra Club recognizes a County resident for excellence in environmental leadership. The award honors the late Walter "Mike" Maloney — a civic activist, County Council member, and attorney dedicated to the rights and quality-of-life of everyday people.

Previous winners of the Maloney award, which was inaugurated in 2005, include Tom Dernoga (2005), Fred Tutman (2006), Imani Kazana (2007), Carmen Anderson (2008), Sen. Paul Pinsky (2009), Kelly Canavan (2010), Bonnie Bick (2011), Dan Smith (2012), and Vernon Wade (2013).

Martha Ainsworth, chair of the Prince George's Sierra Club Group Executive Committee, presented the plaque to Goodall.

Under Goodall's leadership and with support from previous mayors and the Town Council, the Town of Forest Heights has been at the forefront of sustainable practices and established itself as a "green" municipality. Projects have included: a municipal building with an eco-friendly "green" roof and energy-efficient renovations; solar panel installations; a zero stormwater

runoff demonstration site; and periodic cleanups of the Oxon Run stream. Improvements have been financed through bonds from the state and grants from public agencies and private foundations.

Goodall was the 2011 recipient of the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Ellen Fraites Wagner (Steward of the Year) Award. She is currently a Board member for the Forest Heights-Oxon Hill Community Development Corp., President of the Maryland Black Mayors Inc., and a Trustee member of the African American Mayors Association.

At the awards picnic, the Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club also honored Maryland State Delegate James W. Hubbard with the Lifetime Environmental Leadership Award, which was presented by Baird Straughan, Chair of the Maryland Sierra Club Chapter Executive Committee.

The Sierra Club is the oldest and largest non-profit environmental organization in the nation. Its mission is to explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the Earth. More information is available at <https://www.facebook.com/PrinceGeorgesMDSierraClub>.

The Town of Forest Heights comprises approximately 2,500 residents and 945 homes that straddle both sides of Maryland Route 210, and is located near the Capital Beltway, the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and National Harbor.

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