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Montgomery County Township Manager **Wins State Association's Leadership Award**

EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE: Award recipient Daniel Kerr can be reached at (610) 495-6432.

Daniel Kerr, manager of Limerick Township in Montgomery County, received the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' 29th Annual President's Leadership Award this morning at the association's 96th Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show in Hershey. Today is the opening day of the conference, which attracted attendees from every county in Pennsylvania except Philadelphia, which has no townships.

Each year, the association presents the awards, established in 1990, to a township supervisor and a township administrator, such as a secretary or manager, whose outstanding projects or programs have benefited their communities.

Kerr, who has worked for the township for more than a decade, joins an elite group of local government officials who have received the award, one of the highest honors that PSATS bestows. He also serves on the executive committee of the Montgomery County Association of Township Officials.

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Honored for being a proactive leader, Kerr has spearheaded initiatives that have given the township a solid financial foundation and improved services while allowing it to maintain one of the lowest real estate tax rates in the county.

Kerr created the Limerick Township Business Model, a long-range financial plan focused on improving efficiencies and finding sources of revenues other than taxes. By securing more than \$11 million in grants over the past 12 years, he has helped the township acquire parks, trails, and open space and improve roads and infrastructure.

He also led the effort to sell the township's sewer system for \$75.1 million. The township plans to use the revenues to support its volunteer fire company and expand the municipal complex.

"It takes a dedicated and gifted individual to steer a rapidly growing township in the proper direction," said Sen. John Rafferty, who has worked with Kerr on several community development projects. "Daniel Kerr performs at an exceptional level in his position and is a credit to his profession."

Tim Haas, the township's assistant manager, agreed: "He is a man of integrity and never hesitates to do even the smallest of tasks for the greater good of the staff and residents. He is composed, doesn't sweat the small stuff, and always has a plan."

In addition to his work for Limerick Township, Kerr is active in several other community organizations, including the Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association, the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities, and the Spring-Ford Rotary. He and his wife, Dottie, have three children.

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The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors represents Pennsylvania's 1,454 townships of the second class and is committed to preserving and strengthening township government and securing greater visibility and involvement for townships in the state and federal

political arenas. Townships of the second class cover 95 percent of Pennsylvania's land mass and represent more residents — 5.5 million — than any other type of political subdivision in the commonwealth.