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### **THE PENNYPACK ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION TRUST TO BENEFIT FROM GENEROUS DONATION BY THE FAULKNER FOUNDATION**

HUNTINGTON VALLEY, PA - The Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust is pleased to announce it recently received a \$20,000 donation from the Faulkner Family Foundation, a fund of the Pennsylvania Automotive Association Foundation (PAAF). This generous donation is being used to ensure that the Pennypack's mission of ecological restoration is met.

The Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust is a private, non-profit land trust located in Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania. As the steward of 720 acres of protected meadow, woodlands and floodplain forest, the trust manages Montgomery County's largest privately owned natural area that is open to the public. The mission of the trust is to protect, restore and preserve the lands of the central Pennypack Creek valley so they can: enhance the quality of life of both residents and visitors; offer habitat for native plants and animals; and become a standard of excellence for innovative restoration and stewardship practices that can be shared with others joined in a common commitment to the environment.

According to Gail Faulkner, Chief Executive Officer of the Faulkner Organization, "The Faulkner Family Foundation has given my family an opportunity to support our local community and truly make a difference to an organization that is so important to us and our local citizens. I hope this donation aids in the trust's mission of restoring and protecting the Pennypack lands, so that people may enjoy the natural area for many years to come."

"We appreciate this generous donation from Gail Faulkner. Her contribution helps maintain and preserve this beautiful area so that the public can continue to explore and enjoy the natural world all year long," said David Robertson, Executive Director of the Pennypack Trust.

The PAAF, a community foundation established in 2002, has a primary mission of supporting and promoting the charitable activities of the franchised automobile and medium and heavy duty truck dealers throughout the Commonwealth. The PAAF focuses on assisting in the areas of education, disaster relief and community development.