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**THE BRICK COMPANIES RECEIVES ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE NOD**

**EDGEWATER, Md. (September 8, 2006)** – The Brick Companies (TBC) has received the 2006 Outstanding Achievement for Pollution Prevention Award from Businesses for the Bay.

The *Businesses for the Bay Environmental Excellence Awards* recognize Businesses for the Bay participants for their outstanding pollution prevention activities, projects and outreach to help protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers.

TBC has long been committed to lessening the environmental impact of their businesses. In 1974, when TBC first acquired the Eastern Shore farm that would become Atlantic Golf at Queenstown Harbor, the impact of development was taken into consideration. Plans for the 36-hole course included 13 monitoring wells to provide a basis for data comparison and show how a golf course built and maintained to work with the environment could have a positive impact on nitrate, nitrogen and other nutrient levels. Levels dropped 35% in the first 5 years. Queenstown Harbor has now become the model by which the Critical Areas Commission judges new golf course projects proposed in the Critical Areas Zones.

Since then, TBC has built the first commercial building in Anne Arundel County with a living roof structure, become an EPA Green Power Leadership Partner, received an EPA Green Power Purchaser award, purchased renewable energy credits (Green Tags) to offset several tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions annually through a partnership with NativeEnergy, received citations from the Governor and House of Delegates for converting its first marina property to a MD Clean Marina, installed rain barrels to conserve water and begun converting cleaning products at all TBC properties to “Green Cleaning” products. Atlantic Golf has partnered with NuRide, a ride share company that uses rewards to encourage commuters to share car rides to work, reducing automobile emissions and started the *CoolGolfer* program, encouraging their Atlantic Golf members to purchase green tags as part of their membership to offset the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of their commute to the golf courses.

"Restoring the Chesapeake Bay watershed requires governments, businesses and individuals working together to reach our common goals of a healthy environment and economy" said Businesses for the Bay Coordinator, Mary Lynn Wilhere. "These award-winning programs are a model for other Bay watershed businesses, showing their peers how to reduce pollution and save money at the same time.

Businesses for the Bay is pleased to recognize The Brick Companies for their environmental stewardship in Maryland.”

“Our commitment to environmentally sustainable business practices is a real one,” says Lex Birney, CEO of TBC. “It is something we decided to do long before the awards came along when we adopted our environmental policy statement, known as The River House Charter, and something we will continue long after.”

“It started out on a small scale, really,” says Jan Holt, VP of Sales & Marketing for TBC. “We started with simple recycling of paper, cans and bottles. At the corporate office we use glass plates and ceramic coffee mugs in place of paper ones and you won’t find that little cardboard core in the toilet paper rolls. We use plastic cups made from corn at our golf courses. Now, we’ve embarked on projects that can make a larger impact while still doing the simple day-to-day things.” To find out more about what TBC is doing for the environment visit [thebrickcompanies.com](http://thebrickcompanies.com).

### **About The Brick Companies**

The Brick Companies (TBC), a privately held company based in Edgewater, Maryland, owns, develops and manages commercial, residential and recreational properties *For Working, For Living, For Fun*. Properties in the TBC portfolio are located in and around the DC Metropolitan area. Some of its assets include 81 holes of golf under its Atlantic Golf brand, the Atlantic Marina Resort on the Patapsco and Atlantic Marina on the Magothy in Pasadena, Maryland, over 500,000 square feet of commercial buildings in Maryland, D.C. and Virginia. For more information on TBC’s *For Working, For Living For Fun* properties, please visit [thebrickcompanies.com](http://thebrickcompanies.com).

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