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“HOMEGROWN,” A GUIDE TO LOCAL FOODS IN NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY ISSUED BY FRENCH & PICKERING CREEKS CONSERVATION

Phoenixville, Pa., June 01, 2009 – The French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust has issued “HOMEGROWN,” a guide to local food growers, artisans and sellers in and near Northern Chester County. The Trust, whose mission is to preserve and protect endangered land and natural resources in northern Chester County, mailed “HOMEGROWN” to more than 17,000 area residents this month. .

“Our aim is to introduce area residents to the wonderful array of fresh, healthy food produced right here, and encourage them to support the farms and businesses that are such a significant part of our local agricultural economy,” said Clare Quinn, the Trust’s executive director.

“HOMEGROWN” lists farm markets; community supported agriculture sites (CSAs); grocers; producers of seasonal produce, baked goods and honey; meat, poultry and eggs; dairy products; bakeries; restaurants; orchards and specialty products. Some 17 of the 85 entries are in green, to show that they are on conserved land.

For additional copies of “HOMEGROWN,” contact the Trust at info@frenchandpickering.org, or 610 933-7577. The guide will soon be posted on the Trust’s web site <<http://www.frenchandpickering.org>>

The Trust will continue its initiative to support local food production with a Homegrown Harvest Dinner and Hoedown, August 1 (raindate is August 2), 6-9 p.m. on the grounds of Coventry House, 3340 Conservation Lane in Coventryville (off Old Ridge Road). The evening will include dinner showcasing local foods, square dancing, games for children, cowpie bingo and raffle. Adults \$25; children under 12 FREE. More information at <http://www.frenchandpickering.org> or 610 933-7577.

About the French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust, Inc.

Land Preservation

Since its establishment in 1967, the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust has protected 8,650 acres in northern Chester County through purchases, conservation easements and public/private partnerships. It works with landowners, townships, the state and county to purchase and monitor conservation easements, create parkland and preserve environmentally sensitive land.

Trails

Trails provide public access to preserved land, recreational opportunities and beautiful views along northern Chester County's Exceptional Value waterways. With funding from the state and county, the Trust is engaged in the acquisition and development of the 10-mile French Creek Trail from Warwick County Park to the Kennedy Covered Bridge in East Vincent Township, a 2.7 mile extension from Elverson to St. Peters on the Boars Back Railroad right-of-way, and the planning of the 6-mile Pickering Trail, which will follow the creek in West Pikeland Township from the Mill at Anselma to the township border at Clover Mill Road.

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