

Passenger Rail

The HRTPO supports:

- The pursuit of federal/state funding to complete a Tier II EIS for *higher-speed passenger rail between Hampton Roads and Richmond.*
- The pursuit of funding for *Trains 2 and 3 to Norfolk.*



Highway Funding

The HRTPO Supports:

- The pursuit of federal/state funding for the widening of *I-64 between Hampton Roads and Richmond.*
- The Amendment of HB1402 (Highway maintenance payments to Richmond for moving-lanes converted to bicycle lanes) to *include any local government.*



Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC)

The HRTPO supports HRTAC efforts to revise its enabling legislation to *improve both operational and governance efficiencies.*



Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

The HRTPO supports *increased representation* on the CTB for the Hampton Roads Region.



Marketplace Fairness Act

The HRTPO supports Congressional approval for the Marketplace Fairness Act (MFA).

Bonus Funding

The HRTPO supports Congressional recognition of regions that increase local taxes to bridge the gap between federal transportation funding and regional transportation needs by *providing bonus funding to these metropolitan regions.*





2016 Legislative Priorities

K-12 Education

The HRPDC overwhelmingly supports *increased state funding for K-12 public education.*

The Economy

The HRPDC supports *GO Virginia* and opportunities to diversify and strengthen our regional economy by providing incentives for regional cooperation and collaboration between government, businesses and educational institutions.

The Environment

The HRPDC supports:

- Increased cost-share funding for *Agriculture Best Management Practices.*
- Increases to the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund in the *amount of \$50M/ Year.*
- Funding to complete needed *wastewater treatment plant upgrades.*
- Funding mechanisms to update land cover mapping *every 3 years.*

Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding

The HRPDC supports several recommendations from the Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding, most notably the *continuation of the subcommittee's work and establishing a State Resiliency Officer.*

State Code Amendment

The HRPDC supports our local governments efforts to *prohibit wakes on flooded streets to protect property.*

Housing

The HRPDC supports continued appropriations to the *Virginia Housing Trust Fund.*



Robert Crum, Executive Director, HRPDC/HRTPO

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Virginia's Urban Crescent

January 11, 2016

The Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe
Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia
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Richmond, VA 23218

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General Assembly Building
P. O. Box 396
Richmond, VA 23218

The Honorable Members of the Virginia House of Delegates
General Assembly Building
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Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Governor McAuliffe and Members of the 2016 Virginia General Assembly:

On December 11, 2015, more than 150 government, school division, and business representatives from Virginia's Urban Crescent met to discuss the following concerns regarding the Commonwealth's share of funding for public education:

1. Since FY 09, the Commonwealth has reduced its share of funding for public education by more than \$1 billion.
2. State funding on a per pupil inflation adjusted basis has decreased from \$4,275 per pupil in FY 09 to \$3,655 per pupil in FY 15.
3. Virginia local governments are contributing double the amount required under current statute for public education, even as property values have significantly declined.
4. In comparison with other states, Virginia is in the top ten in both per capita and median household income, but in the bottom ten for public education funding.

Although the Urban Crescent comprises only 24 percent of the land area in Virginia, it is home to over 70 percent of the Commonwealth's school-aged children. The Urban Crescent's governments, school divisions and business community understand the importance of an excellent public education system as Virginia competes in a global economy. Our Commonwealth needs funding to support the current and future costs of a quality education system. However, local governments cannot realistically sustain the extraordinary funding demands of the past several years without continued dramatic impacts on other essential local government services.

The local governments, school divisions and business partners of the Virginia Urban Crescent call upon the 2016 Virginia General Assembly and Governor to meaningfully increase the Commonwealth's proportional and required share of funding for a high quality public education system.

Sincerely,

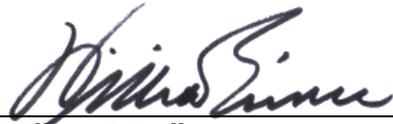
The Mayors and Chairs of Virginia's Urban Crescent
The Chief Administrative Officers of Virginia's Urban Crescent
The School Divisions in Virginia's Urban Crescent
The CEOs of Virginia's Urban Crescent Chambers of Commerce



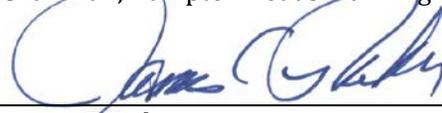
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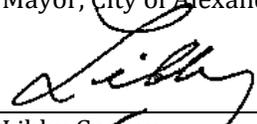
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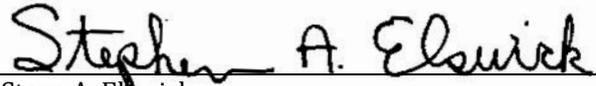
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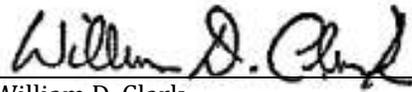
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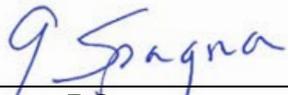
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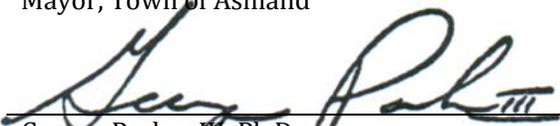
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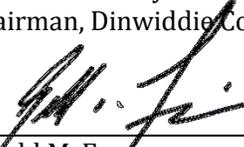
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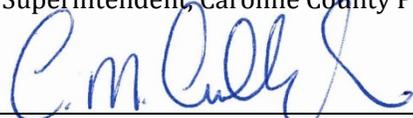
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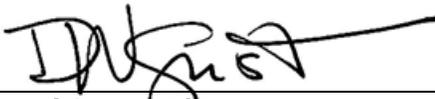
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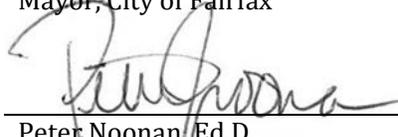
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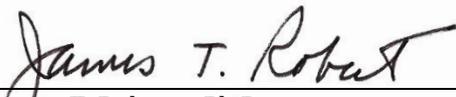
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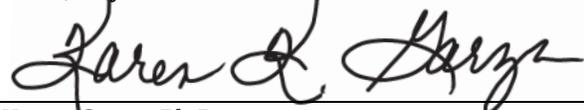
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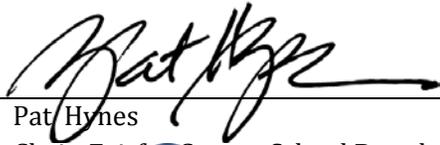
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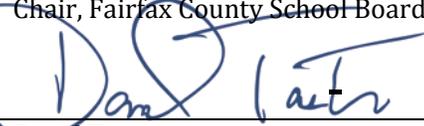
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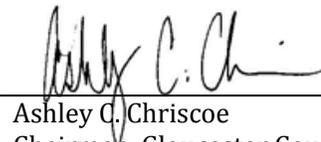
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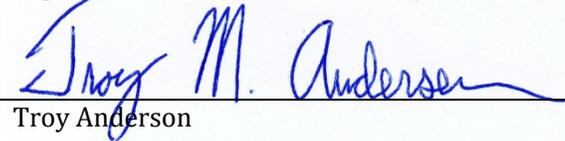
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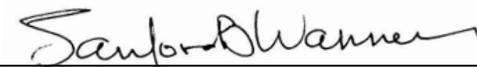
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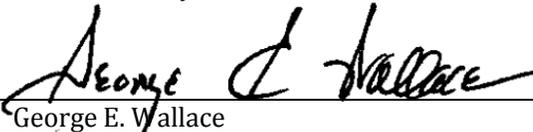
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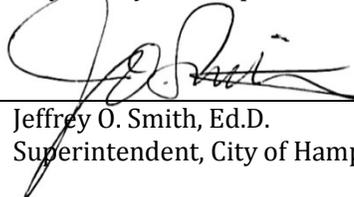
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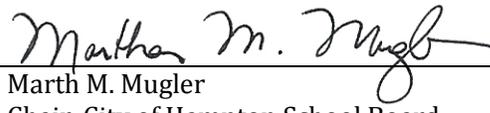
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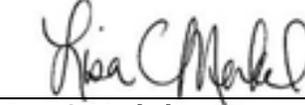
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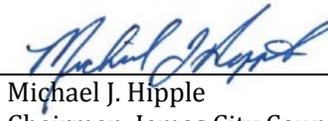
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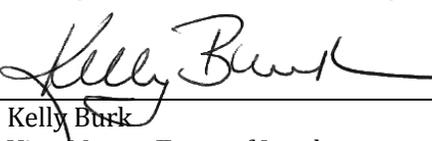
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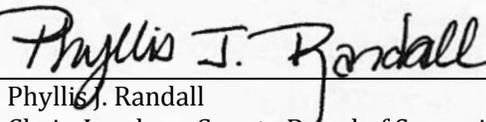
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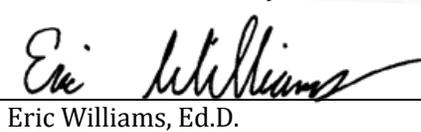
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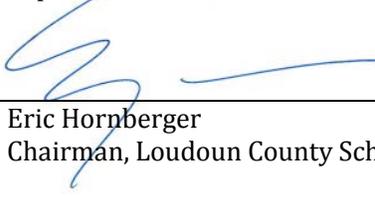
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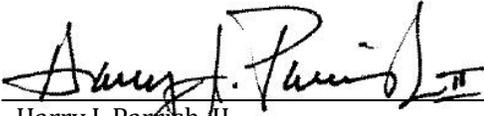
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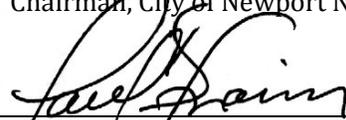
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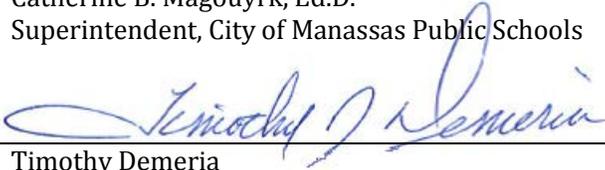
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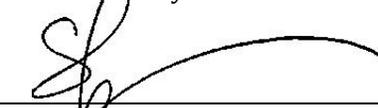
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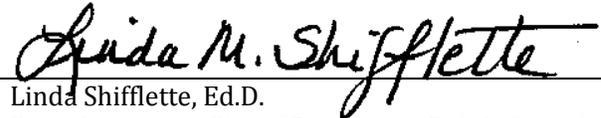
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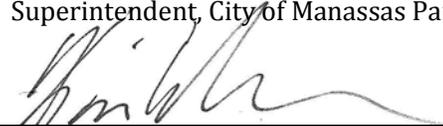
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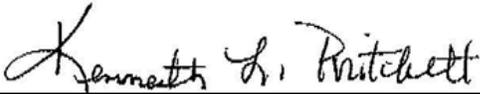
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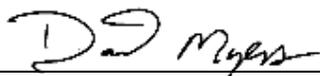
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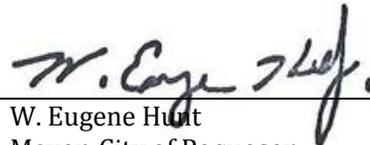
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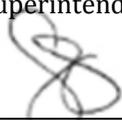
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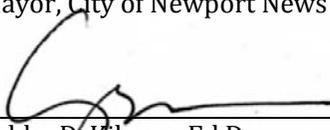
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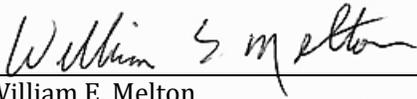
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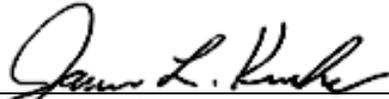
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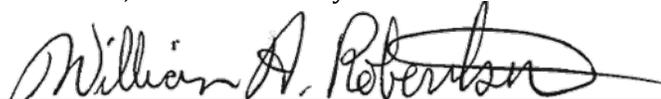
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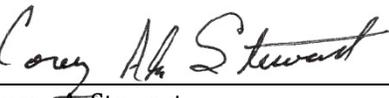
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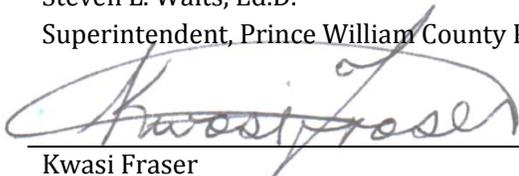
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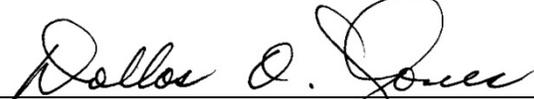
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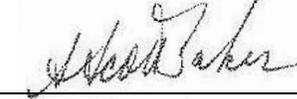
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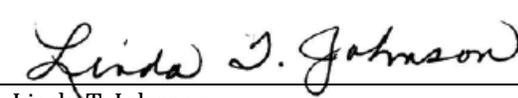
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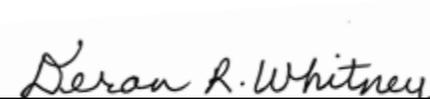
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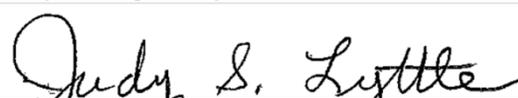
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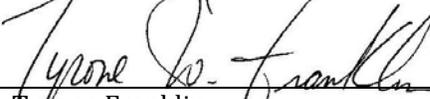
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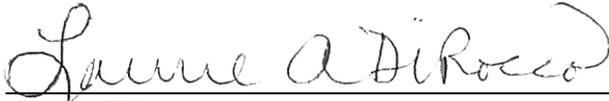
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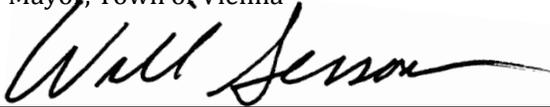
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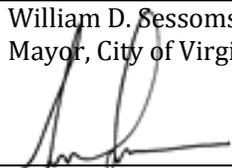
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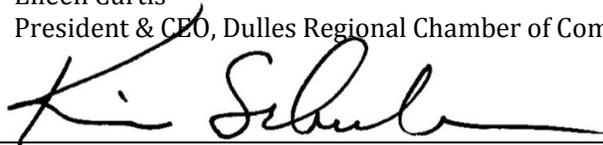
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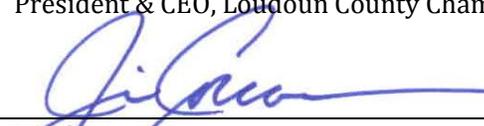
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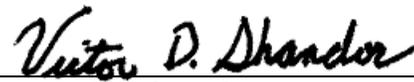
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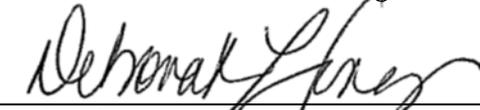
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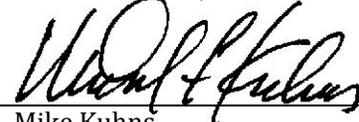
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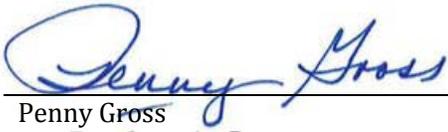
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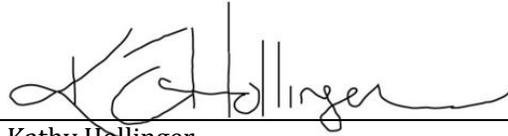
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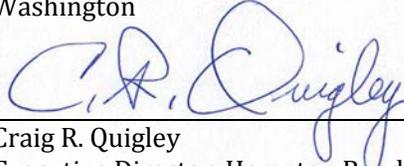
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Kathy Hollinger
President & CEO, Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington



Howard B. Kiser
Executive Director, Virginia Association of School Superintendents



Craig R. Quigley
Executive Director, Hampton Roads Military & Federal Facilities Alliance

HRPDC to Receive Keep America Beautiful National Award

The HRPDC is a recipient of Keep America Beautiful's National Awards Program in recognition of the successful implementation of our 2015 Cigarette Litter Prevention Program (CLPP). For the program, seven Hampton Roads localities partnered together through the askHRgreen.org initiative to reduce the impact of cigarette butt litter in the region. Focusing on the theme of "Cigarette Butts = Litter," partners launched intensive outreach projects in select locations in Hampton, James City County, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach. Program activities included: identification of project sites with high levels of cigarette litter; selection, procurement, placement and maintenance of new cigarette ash receptacles; distribution of pocket ash trays and portable auto ash trays; distribution of branded outreach materials to smokers; posting of branded banners and posters; communicating directly with smokers at or near the project sites; and, measuring and reporting outcomes during pre/post implementation scans. All implementation activities were held between May 1 and September 28, 2015 and the result of this collaborative approach was a 74% overall reduction in cigarette litter.

The project was a terrific success and truly demonstrates the power of combining resources on a regional basis, saving local leaders time and money while increasing the impact of the message. HRPDC staff or an askHRgreen.org locality representative will accept the award and a check for \$1,500 at the Keep America Beautiful National Conference February 1-3, 2016 in Orlando, FL.

The complete list of winners is attached.

2015 National Community Improvement Awards			
Beautification & Community Greening			
Winner Name	Group Type:	City	State
Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful	Nonprofit/Civic/Community Service Organizations	Reno	NV
Litter Prevention			
Winner Name	Group Type:	City	State
Keep Luna County Beautiful	Nonprofit/Civic/Community Service Organizations	Deming	NM
The City of Plano	Government Agency	Plano	TX
Overall Community Improvement			
Winner Name	Group Type:	City	State
City of Allen	Government Agency	Allex	TX
Recycling and Waste Reduction			
Winner Name	Group Type:	City	State
Western Resources Group	Nonprofit/Civic/Community Service Organizations	Ogallala	NE
Fort Hood Recycle	Government Agency	Fort Hood	TX

2015 Youth & Education Awards			
Winner Name	Group Type:	City	State
Jamie Cox	Individual - Educator	Forth Worth	TX
Ken Ward	Individual - Youth leader	Montgomery	AL
Central New Mexico Community College	Education Institution - College	Albuquerque	NM
Lewis Frasier Middle School	Education Institution - Middle School	Midway	GA
Olde Towne Middle School Technology Student Association	Youth group	Ridgeland	MS

Young Professional Award	
Winner Name	State
Jenifer Pitcher	CA

2015 Law Enforcement Awards			
Winner Name:	Group Type	City	State
Cpl. Robert Capizzi	Environmental Compliance Officer	Naples	FL
Lt. James Nelson	State Law Enforcement Officer	Columbia	SC

2015 Affiliate Awards		
Under 30,000		
Affiliate Name	City	State
Keep Tularosa Beautiful	Tularosa	NM
30,001 - 100,000		
Affiliate Name	City	State
Keep Smyrna Beautiful	Smyrna	GA
100,001 - 250,000		
Affiliate Name	City	State
Keep Norfolk Beautiful	Norfolk	VA
250,001 & above		
Affiliate Name	City	State
OKC Beautiful	Oklahoma City	OK
Affiliate Sustained Excellence Award Winners (Affiliate Award winner in both 2013 & 2014 and scoring a 90 or above on the 2015 application)		
Keep Cincinnati Beautiful	Cincinnati	OH
Keep Irving Beautiful	Irving	TX
Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful	Lake Jackson	TX
Keep Smyrna Beautiful	Smyrna	GA
Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful	Tampa	FL
Keep Tularosa Beautiful	Tularosa	NM
Affiliate Award of Excellence Winners (Affiliates scoring 90 or above on the 2015 application)		
KAB Topeka/Shawnee County	Topeka	KS
Keep DeKalb Beautiful	Decatur	GA
Keep Denton Beautiful	Denton	TX
Keep Haltom City Beautiful	Haltom City	TX
Keep Houston Beautiful	Houston	TX
Keep Kingsport Beautiful	Kingsport	TN
Keep Liberty Beautiful	Hinesville	GA
Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission	Macon	GA
Keep Norfolk Beautiful	Norfolk	VA
Keep Pearland Beautiful	Pearland	TX
Keep Riverside Clean & Beautiful	Riverside	CA
OKC Beautiful	Oklahoma City	OK

2015 Innovation Awards			
Affiliate Innovation Awards			
Affiliate Name	City	State	Program or Partnership
Keep Sevier Beautiful	Sevierville	TN	Program
Keep North Platte and Lincoln County Beautiful	North Platte	NE	Partnership
State Affiliate Innovation Awards			
State Affiliate Name	City	State	Program or Partnership
Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful	Greensburg	PA	Program
Keep Ohio Beautiful	Fairlawn	OH	Partnership

Bill Nash Award		
Winner Name	City	State
Keep Ridgeland Beautiful	Ridgeland	MS

2015 Program Awards			
America Recycles Day Awards			
Affiliate or Group Name	Group Type	City	State
Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful	Affiliate	Tampa	FL
Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful	Affiliate	Greensburg	PA
Cigarette Litter Prevention Program Awards			
Affiliate or Group Name	Group Type	City	State
Keep Golden Isles Beautiful	Affiliate	Brunswick	GA
Keep Ohio Beautiful	Affiliate	Fairlawn	OH
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission	Government Agency	Chesapeake	VA
Great American Cleanup Awards			
Affiliate or Group Name	Group Type	City	State
Keep Alachua County Beautiful	Affiliate	Gainesville	FL
Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful	Affiliate	Greensburg	PA

2015 State Agency Partnership Awards			
State Agency	State Affiliate Name	City	State
Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department	Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission	Little Rock	AR
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	Keep Illinois Beautiful	Chicago	IL
Mississippi Department of Transportation	Keep Mississippi Beautiful	Madison	MS
Ohio Department of Transportation	Keep Ohio Beautiful	Fairlawn	OH
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency	Keep Ohio Beautiful	Fairlawn	OH
Oklahoma Turnpike Authority	Keep Oklahoma Beautiful	Oklahoma City	OK
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful	Greensburg	PA
PennDOT	Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful	Greensburg	PA
South Carolina Department of Corrections	Palmetto Pride	Columbia	SC
Tennessee Department of Transportation	Keep Tennessee Beautiful	Memphis	TN
Texas Department of Transportation	Keep Texas Beautiful	Austin	TX

State Affiliate Recognition Awards
Diamond Level:
Keep Arkansas Beautiful
Keep Florida Beautiful
Keep Georgia Beautiful
Keep Illinois Beautiful
Keep Louisiana Beautiful
Keep Mississippi Beautiful
Keep Nebraska Beautiful
Keep North Carolina Beautiful
Keep Ohio Beautiful
Keep Oklahoma Beautiful
Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful
Keep South Carolina Beautiful
Keep Tennessee Beautiful
Keep Texas Beautiful
New Mexico Clean and Beautiful
Gold Level:
Keep California Beautiful
Keep The Hawaiian Islands Beautiful
Keep Iowa Beautiful
Keep Virginia Beautiful
Silver Level:
Keep Michigan Beautiful
Good Standing:
Keep Arizona Beautiful