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THE ALLIANCE FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY RECOGNIZES LUCK COMPANIES – CORPORATE CAMPUS AS A *BUSINESSES FOR THE BAY* FOUNDING GOLD MEMBER

(Annapolis, MD – May 8, 2017) – The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay recognizes Luck Companies – Corporate Campus as a *Businesses for the Bay* Founding Gold Member. Luck Companies – Corporate Campus renewed their membership with a growing partnership of large and small businesses in the Chesapeake Bay watershed that are undertaking voluntary actions to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed, rivers, and streams.

The *Businesses for the Bay* membership association provides a network for its members to share strategies and successes with other business members and governmental and non-profit networking partners. The association also provides members opportunities to engage their associates in environmental efforts and receive recognition for the valuable work they do to help improve the environment. As a Founding Gold Member, the Alliance recognizes Luck Companies – Corporate Campus for its commitment to Chesapeake Bay protection and restoration.

Luck Companies – Corporate Campus is committed to preserving environmental quality for future generations and respecting and protecting the environment of the communities in which they work and live. Luck Companies accomplishes this by combining scientific knowledge, technical innovations, and sound business practices to assure the continual improvement in pollution prevention, conservation of natural resources, and regulatory compliance.

Luck Companies' Facilities Team supported the elimination of disposable water bottles at the Corporate Campus by installing pre-filtered water and ice dispensers that encourage the use of reusable water bottles. The team estimates that these water dispensers saved the office from needing to buy 14,976 disposable water bottles in 2016! In addition, Luck Companies' Corporate Campus has been designed to capture all stormwater runoff (4,449,506 gallons in 2016!) from impervious surfaces. The runoff is channeled into a 2.7 acre attractive pond, where it is used to irrigate the entire campus. The Corporate Campus also removed impervious surfaces and maintains 5350 square feet of pervious pavers. Luck Companies' Facilities Team saves energy at the Corporate Campus by utilizing automatic temperature controls on

thermostats and timers or motion sensors on all lights, including those in parking lots. In an effort to conserve electricity, the Campus began to convert all lights to LED in 2016, saving 738.9 KWHr of electric power.

In 2016, Luck Companies hosted the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's [Virginia Chesapeake Business Forum](#) at the spectacular Corporate Campus, where participants were given the opportunity to learn all about the Campus' green initiatives during an interactive tour.

Associates at Luck Companies also volunteer their time outside of work to help protect the environment. Each year, they conduct road-cleaning events for Virginia's Adopt-a-Highway program and participate in the annual James River Cleanup.

"Our first year of membership in the Businesses for the Bay program was a great step forward," said Jeff Sechrest, Facilities and Property Manager for Luck Companies. "We were able to host the Chesapeake Business Forum as well as focus on several goals that helped us to reduce our environmental impacts. We were rewarded with some significant savings on our bills for electricity and water," he explained. "This year, we plan to continue these efforts and more as we look for new ways to save," Sechrest added.

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Business Partnerships Manager, Corinne Stephens, stated, "Through the Alliance's *Businesses for the Bay* membership association, we help businesses to have a positive impact on Chesapeake Bay restoration, to expand their own sustainability programs, and to be recognized for their environmental successes."

For more information about this *Businesses for the Bay* Founding Gold Member, please visit our [Member Directory](#) or <http://businesses.allianceforthebay.org/member/luck-companies-corporate-campus/>.

About The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

Founded in 1971, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, with headquarters in Annapolis, MD and offices in Richmond, Virginia, and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, works throughout the Bay watershed to lead, support and inspire local action and build partnerships with individuals, communities, governments, businesses and other groups to restore the Bay watershed and its forests, rivers and streams. For more information about the Alliance, visit: <http://allianceforthebay.org>

For more information about the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's *Businesses for the Bay* membership association, visit: <http://businesses.allianceforthebay.org> or [click here to read the 2016 Businesses for the Bay Annual Report](#).