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**THE ALLIANCE FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY RECOGNIZES
SUEZ
AS A *BUSINESSES FOR THE BAY* GOLD MEMBER**

(Annapolis, MD – January 7, 2019) – The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay recognizes SUEZ as a *Businesses for the Bay* Gold Member. SUEZ 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 our watershed, rivers, and streams.

The *Businesses for the Bay* Membership Association provides a network for its Members to share strategies and successes with other businesses and governmental and non-profit Networking Partners, as well as opportunities to engage employees in environmental efforts, and receive recognition for the valuable role each Member is taking to help improve the environment. As a Gold Member, the Alliance recognizes SUEZ for its commitment to Chesapeake Bay protection and restoration.

As one of the nation's leading environmental companies, SUEZ provides water and waste recycling services to over 7.5 million people in the United States and Canada. The company's mission is to deliver these services safely and cost-effectively, while positively impacting local communities through their [Ten Commitments to Social & Environmental Responsibility](#).

The environment and sustainability are at the heart of SUEZ's business and the company operates in a manner that protects and preserves the environment for future generations. Their *Businesses for the Bay* membership is focused on the SUEZ Pennsylvania Operations. Most recently, 3 employees and several volunteers from the community along Yellow Breeches Creek, a protected Scenic River, participated in a trash clean-up held on March 31, 2018. They plan to include their future clean-up efforts in the [Alliance's Project Clean Stream program](#). The employees encourage school teachers to schedule clean-ups with their science students as well. As needed, SUEZ donates supplies, such as trash bags and rubber gloves, to help the students safely accomplish clean-ups. The employees also understand the importance of using less plastic and use company-provided reusable mugs and water bottles instead of disposable plastic water bottles, keeping plastic out of our streams. In 2018, they distributed over 100 reusable bottles.

SUEZ participates in various types of environmental education programs. The company also works with high school and college faculty to provide classroom presentations. The focus is placed on discussion of related topics, including how to avert contamination of drinking water sources. They also design and maintain educational exhibits utilized at varied community events

throughout the company's Pennsylvania service area to raise awareness about conserving environmental resources.

One such event includes an Earth Day Festival in Downtown Mechanicsburg attended by nearly 2,000 people. SUEZ employees also work with the Manada Conservancy the week of "Earth Day" to plant trees that create a flood zone buffer.

In addition, via colorful bill inserts, SUEZ educates over 61,000 customers about ways to implement conservation at home and keep the water clean, including the use of brooms when cleaning outdoor areas instead of a hoses to prevent trash and harmful chemicals from entering local streams.

Local conservation district and watershed groups have formed regional partnerships with SUEZ Pennsylvania employees. They hold joint events each year. One such event is held at one of the company's water treatment facilities to educate anglers, boaters and hikers about ways to decrease water contamination threats on the first day of trout season in Southcentral Pennsylvania. The team raises awareness about how anglers can protect the source of supply while they are fishing or boating, including the imperative of properly disposing of trash and recycling. A stream clean-up is held at each annual community event in conjunction with the watershed association and "[Project Clean Stream](#)." New this year, the team partnered with the [Yellow Breeches Watershed Association](#) and [Columbia County Conservation District](#) to collaborate on additional preservation initiatives in 2019.

Bob Manbeck, Public Affairs Manager for the Pennsylvania Operations of SUEZ, noted, "We encourage those who tour our water treatment plants and visit our community event displays to protect drinking water sources by properly recycling cans, bottles and other items. Environmental preservation continues to be a key aspect of our business philosophy. As such, we also work with educators from public and private schools and homeschool cooperatives to provide tailored classroom presentations that promote sustainability and challenge students and faculty to organize their own watershed clean-up projects."

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 our local environment, expand their sustainability programs, engage employees, and be recognized for their environmental successes."

For more information about this *Businesses for the Bay* Gold Member, please visit our [Member Directory](#) or <https://businesses.allianceforthebay.org/member/suez>.

About The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

Founded in 1971, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, with headquarters in Annapolis, Maryland and offices in Richmond, Virginia, and Lancaster, 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: allianceforthebay.org

For more information about the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's *Businesses for the Bay* Membership Association, please visit: businesses.allianceforthebay.org.