

# DVRPC NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## **DVRPC CELEBRATES REGIONAL EXCELLENCE** **THE COMMISSION HONORS INDIVIDUALS WITH AWARDS** **AND MUNICIPALITIES WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** **GRANTS AT FIRST ANNUAL DINNER.**

**M**ore than 340 representatives of state, regional, county and local government, as well as members of the private sector, gathered on June 5, 2002 at the Four Seasons Hotel, Philadelphia, to honor recipients of **DVRPC's Regional Excellence Awards**. Additionally, 26 municipalities received grants totaling over 1.5 million dollars for local development efforts.

Receiving awards at DVRPC's First Annual Celebration of Regional Excellence Dinner were: **Senator James W. Gerlach** and **Representative David J. Steil**, this year's Regional Elected Officials from Pennsylvania; Assembly Majority Leader **Joseph J. Roberts, Jr.**, Regional Elected Official from New Jersey;



*And the award goes to... Crystal vases served as awards in six specially selected categories.*



*Story and photos cont. inside.*



## ...CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

**Camden Waterfront Redevelopment Program** as the Regional Program of the year with Surrogate **Patricia Egan Jones** accepting; **Delaware River Port Authority** as Regional Organization with Chairman **Manuel N. Stamatakis** & CEO **Paul Drayton** accepting; **Commerce Bank** as Regional Business with President **Vernon Hill** accepting; and **Bradley L. Mallory**, Secretary, **Pennsylvania Department of Transportation** accepting a DVRPC Special Recognition Award.



**Robert E. Baker, Jr.**, Director, Governor's Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Office and DVRPC Vice Chairman



**Fay M. Moore**, General Manager, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) and **John J. Coscia**, DVRPC Executive Director

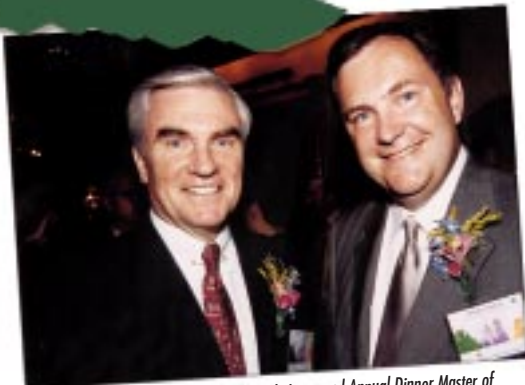
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**— DVRPC Executive Director, John J. Coscia**

Serving as moderator for the evening was **Colin A. Hanna**, Chester County Commissioner and a DVRPC Board member. Assisting Mr. Hanna in presenting awards were **Jerald R. Cureton, Esq.**, Burlington County representative and DVRPC Board Chairman; **Robert E. Baker, Jr.**, Director, Governor's Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Office and DVRPC Board Vice Chairman; **Charles H. Martin**,

Chairman, Bucks County Commissioners and DVRPC Secretary; **Thomas J. Gurick**, Camden County Freeholder and DVRPC Treasurer; and **John J. Coscia**, DVRPC Executive Director.

According to John J. Coscia, “This event marks a first for this agency and for the region; we now have an opportunity to reward those who have exhibited integrity and initiative in moving the Delaware Valley toward a secure and economically sound future.”



**Colin A. Hanna**, Chester County Commissioner and Annual Dinner Master of Ceremonies and **Bradley L. Mallory**, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Special Recognition Award recipient



**Jerald R. Cureton, Esq.**, Burlington County and DVRPC Board Chair, and **Paul Drayton**, Chief Executive Officer, Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA)



*Award recipients (from left): PA State Senator **Jim Gerlach**; PA Secretary of Transportation **Bradley Mallory**; Mayor **John Burzichelli**, Paulsboro, NJ accepting for NJ Assembly Majority Leader **Joseph J. Roberts, Jr.**; **Thomas J. Gurick**, Camden County Freeholder and for FY 2002 DVRPC Board Treasurer; Camden County Surrogate **Patricia Egan Jones**; and PA Representative **David J. Steil***



***Jerald R. Cureton, Esq.**, Burlington County and DVRPC Board Chair for FY 2002*

## EXCELLENCE



***Vernon Hill**, President, Commerce Bank, recipient of the Regional Business of the Year Award*



***Charles H. Martin**, Chairman, Bucks County Commissioners and DVRPC Board Secretary for FY 2002*



**REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE DELAWARE VALLEY RECEIVE TCDI CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE, AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FUNDS TO BE FORWARDED FOR SPECIFIC LOCAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.**



EXCELLENCE





# A WINNING COMBINATION FOR THE REGION

The evening of June 5, 2002 was marked by the first opportunity for municipalities to receive **Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI)** grants which are intended to support local development efforts in communities that implement municipal, county, state and regional planning objectives. The TCDI program will assist in reversing the trends of disinvestment and decline in many of the region's core cities and first generation suburbs by supporting local planning projects that will lead to more residential, employment or retail opportunities; by improving the overall character and quality of life within these communities to retain business and residents; by enhancing and using the existing transportation infrastructure capacity in these areas to reduce demands on the transportation network; and by reducing congestion and improving the transportation system's efficiency. In effect, the program provides a mechanism for municipalities to undertake locally directed actions to improve their communities. Selection of the TCDI grant recipients was made by separate review committees which were established for each state, representing county, state, non-profit, academic and citizen interests.

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The review committees each met and presented a recommended list of projects to DVRPC's Board. A list of those communities selected for the grants is in the box to the right. 🌱

## **DVRPC 2002 Transportation and Community Development Initiative Projects (APPLICANT, PROJECT NAME, TCDI FUNDING)**

### **Burlington County**

- ▼ Waterfront Park Design and Transit Oriented Development Study, \$40,000
- ▼ Burlington City—Transit Oriented Development Study, Route 130 to Broad Street, \$40,000
- ▼ Wrightstown Borough—Wrightstown Redevelopment and Mixed Use District, \$60,000

### **Camden County**

- ▼ Camden City—Cramer Hill Regional Access Project, \$46,900
- ▼ Collingswood Borough—Heart of Collingswood Efficiency Plan, \$60,000
- ▼ Gloucester City—West Broadway, Broadway and Route 130 Corridor Plans, \$62,000

### **Gloucester County**

- ▼ Glassboro Borough—Rowan Boulevard Development and Area Revitalization, \$50,000
- ▼ Pausboro Borough—Reuse and Redevelopment Study of the BP Site, \$80,000

### **Mercer County**

- ▼ Trenton City—Cass Street Light Rail District Plan, \$61,100

### **Bucks County**

- ▼ Bucks County (Bensalem Township, Bristol Borough, Bristol Township, Tullytown Borough)—Route 13 Revitalization Project, \$100,00
- ▼ Pennel Borough—Business District Revitalization, \$36,000

### **Chester County**

- ▼ Avondale Borough—Landscaping and Streetscape Improvements, \$30,000
- ▼ Coatesville City—Inter-modal Transportation and Parking Feasibility Study, \$100,000
- ▼ South Coatesville Borough—Plan for Main Street and Central Business Districts, \$52,000
- ▼ West Chester Borough—Wayfinding Signage Project, \$25,000

### **Delaware County**

- ▼ Chester City—Chester Downtown Improvement Strategy, \$68,000
- ▼ Marcus Hook Borough—Transit Oriented Development, \$68,000
- ▼ Upper Darby Township and Millbourne Borough—Market Street Gateway Parking Study, \$50,000
- ▼ Yeadon Borough and Upper Darby Township—Fernwood/Yeadon Train Station Improvements, \$26,000

### **Montgomery County**

- ▼ Bridgeport Borough—Community Revitalization Plan, \$43,000
- ▼ Cheltenham Township—Glenside Train Station Area Implementation Planning Project, \$60,000
- ▼ Lower Merion Township—Ardmore Transit Center, \$56,000
- ▼ Pottstown Borough—High Street Reconfiguration and Traffic Calming, \$40,000

### **Philadelphia City**

- ▼ Girard Avenue Physical and Economic Development Strategy, \$100,000
- ▼ Update of Land Development Codes, \$71,000
- ▼ Vacant and Underutilized Land Use Study, \$75,000



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