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Banks County Receives Governor's Circle Recognition

Atlanta, GA – Keep Banks County Beautiful received the Governor's Circle Award on January 26, 2016. The statewide award recipients were presented at the State Capitol as part of the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation's Annual Legislative Day.

The Governor's Circle Award recognizes exemplary performance by certified affiliates in reducing litter, minimizing waste and greening local communities. To qualify for the Governor's Circle Award, affiliates must be in good standing with Keep America Beautiful; conducting an annual Litter Index, calculating the affiliate's cost/benefit ratio and engaging volunteers to take greater responsibility for their community environment. Additionally, the affiliate must be an active member of the Georgia network.

"The affiliates receiving the Governor's Circle Award represent the best of community improvement efforts", said Sarah Visser, Executive Director of the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation, "they are doing the hard work every day to keep their communities economically vibrant and environmentally sustainable".

Keep Banks County Beautiful has just celebrated its 27th year working in the County providing education, beautification, recycling and programs to bring the community together in a positive way.

Georgia is the first state in the Keep America Beautiful (KAB) network to create a Governor's Circle Award modeled on KAB's national good standing designation.

About Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation (KGBF): *Created in 1978 by Governor George Busbee, Keep Georgia Beautiful (KGB), became the first state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. In 2011, the Keep Georgia Beautiful program merged with the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation, Inc. which was created in 1985 to promote private sector financial support for worthwhile educational programs that enhance the environment and the quality of life in Georgia. KGBF coordinates a number of environmental efforts including the Great American Cleanup™ and the statewide Bring One for the Chipper Christmas tree recycling program. The Foundation is based on a fundamental premise that the environmental interests of the state of Georgia and the people who live here are best served when public and private interests work hand-in-hand to achieve common goals. Our connections with the public and private sectors aid us in our mission to support local Keep Georgia Beautiful affiliates as they build and sustainable communities through litter prevention, waste reduction, recycling, water resource management and community greening. For more information about the KGB Foundation, please visit www.keepgeorgiabehautiful.org or call the office at (404) 679-4910.*

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