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STREETS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES NEW RECYCLING COORDINATOR

PHILADELPHIA – Today, Streets Commissioner Clarena I.W. Tolson announced Philadelphia Recycling Coordinator, Joan Hicken, would be resigning her position effective Friday, September 7, 2007. Scott McGrath, currently the Acting Planning and Development Coordinator for the Streets Department’s Sanitation Division will be the City’s new Acting Recycling Coordinator, effective Monday, September 10, 2007.

“We are saddened to see Joan leaving. She has brought a renewed energy to the City’s Recycling Unit,” said Commissioner Tolson. “Her accomplishments include successfully directing the implementation of Single Stream collection in Northeast and West Philadelphia and the energized Recycling Pays marketing campaign designed to educate citizens about recycling and improve recycling participation in Philadelphia.”

“We are excited to have Mr. McGrath as Acting Recycling Coordinator as he brings with him a wealth of experience. As Acting Planning and Development Coordinator for the Streets Department’s Sanitation Division, he directs the environmental planning initiatives of the Sanitation Division, among them the City’s Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program,” said Commissioner Tolson.

As Acting Recycling Coordinator for the City of Philadelphia, Mr. McGrath will be responsible for continued realization of the Streets Department’s goal to increase recycling participation and diversion rates.

“We are impressed by Scott’s accomplishments in the areas of solid waste management and environmental planning,” added Deputy Commissioner Carlton Williams. “We especially value his understanding of recycling as an integral part of solid waste management and his expertise in policy analysis and strategic planning.”

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