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The New Girl Scout Green:
Dominion Power Partners with Girl Scouts on "Forever Green" project

WASHINGTON—The Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital (GSCNC) is teaming up with Dominion Power to support the Forever Green Community Action Project, a national community service project coordinated by the Girl Scouts of the USA.

Through their generous sponsorship, $15,000, Dominion Power is demonstrating their commitment to increasing environmental awareness through education and results-driven programs.

Forever Green Community Action Projects are girl-led and address a variety of environmental topics, such as energy use, improving air quality, water use, waste management and green space. Girl Scouts find support and involvement for their projects from fellow students, school administration and faculty. In 2010 we anticipate 150-200 Girl Scouts in grades K-12 will lead green action projects, with the help of up to 8,000 youth in their communities.

To commemorate National Conservation Month and kick-off the first full year of GSCNC's Forever Green Community Action Project, a "Forever Green" program launch will be held October 17, at Occoquan Regional Park. Local officials, Girl Scouts, and project mentors are invited to attend.

The "Forever Green" pilot year began in February 2009, with more than 100 girls (is this Girl Scouts) from the greater Washington Region participating in "green" projects.

In the first year, nine green action projects were developed by118 girls Girl Scouts) in grades K-12. The projects included:

- Restoring a stream bed, which was later designated a "Schoolyard Habitat" by the National Wildlife Federation
- Establishing three recycling programs at area schools
- Planting over 160 plants
- Removing 47 bags of debris from communities
- Spreading over 140 lbs of fill dirt and a truckload of compost

To learn more about the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital and our partnership with Dominion Power on the Forever Green Community Action Project, visit www.gscnc.org

About Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital

Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital (GSCNC) is a non-profit organization with over 84,365 members, including 58,900 girls in 4,407 troops in throughout the District of Columbia, eight counties in Maryland, ten counties in Virginia and seven counties in West Virginia. With the help of more than 25,000 dedicated volunteers, the generosity of corporations and foundations, and our popular Girl Scout cookie program, GSCNC helps girls from kindergarten to 12th grade become leaders through a wide range of fun and educational activities. GSCNC is headquartered in Washington DC, with offices in Frederick and Waldorf, Maryland; Lorton, Leesburg and Manassas, Virginia; and Martinsburg, West Virginia. To get involved, visit our website at www.gscnc.org.

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