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PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

At the June 17, 2010 NTSWA Board meeting the Board unanimously passed a motion to share revenues generated from the disposal of Marcellus drill cutting waste with chartering counties. The NTSWA understands the hardships that each county faces with dwindling funding, increased demand for services and limited revenues from other sources especially in a time of immense growth.

Beginning July 1, 2010 the NTSWA will donate \$3.00 for each ton of Marcellus drill cutting waste received and disposed of at the NTSWA facilities. Based upon the drill cuttings received in 2010 since January first, each county could potentially receive about \$100,000 every 12 months. The NTSWA will donate an initial amount of \$35,000. However, if the drill cuttings are not received and disposed of at the NTSWA disposal facilities then no funds will be available. The Bradford County Commissioners would like to thank the members of the NTSWA board for their generous donation which will be such a benefit to the citizens of Bradford County.

Bradford County will utilize the funds from NTSWA in the following ways:

- **50%** of the funds received from the NTSWA will be used to create a special county fund known as the “Bradford County Parks Rehabilitation Fund”. This fund will support capital projects for the Bradford County Parks Master Plan which is due to be released this fall in cooperation with the County Parks Advisory Committee. This money will be used for capital equipment and capital improvements in each park. It will not be utilized for the purposes of operating expenses. This provides a great opportunity to fund some of the much needed enhancements to ensure a bright future for our county parks system.
- **25%** of the funds will be used to create “Bradford County Environmental Education Grant Program” through the Bradford County Conservation District. This will enhance informational and educational opportunities for a wide range of Bradford County decision makers at multiple levels of age and will be fundamental in enhancing and preserving the outstanding environmental quality we all expect in the County. This fund will provide seed funding to assist efforts

in several areas of interest; local schools, landowners/general public and our municipal and organizational levels.

- **25%** of the funds will be used to create the “Bradford County Volunteer Emergency Responders Grant Program”. The grants will be available and awarded to volunteer emergency responders throughout Bradford County. This program is intended to provide our struggling volunteer emergencies services with one more potential resource for funding in a time of growth, difficulty and change. The grants will be aimed at providing opportunities to volunteer service providers in relation to the development of natural gas throughout the county.