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## **MAYOR NUTTER UNVEILS NEW BIG BELLY LITTER BASKETS** *The Future of Pedestrian Waste Management!*

**PHILADELPHIA, PA** – On Thursday, April 30, at 12:00 pm the City of Philadelphia Streets Department will announce the installation of 500 Big Belly solar-powered litter baskets in Center City Philadelphia. The first litter basket installation is at the northwest corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Street and JFK Boulevard.

Streets Commissioner Clarena Tolson will be joined by Mayor Michael Nutter, Deputy Mayor Rina Cutler, and other City officials in unveiling the latest innovation.

“Yesterday we unveiled Greenworks Philadelphia, Philadelphia’s new comprehensive sustainability framework that sets us on the path to becoming America’s number one green city,” said Mayor Nutter. “Today we are proud to announce the largest deployment of solar powered litter baskets anywhere in America. This technology will save taxpayers money, introduce sidewalk recycling and keep our streets clean. This is one more important step towards achieving our sustainability goals.

“We are pleased to be using this advanced technology and embrace ideas like this that will save us money and natural resources,” according to Streets Commissioner Clarena Tolson.

As part of Commissioner Tolson’s ongoing measures to support the City of Philadelphia’s vision for high efficiency and innovative services, the Streets Department is adding solar-powered litter baskets which are cost effective and more efficient than our traditional litter baskets. They will reduce overflowing, decrease the number of

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collection trips and cut related fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions by 80%. It has the capacity to hold 200 gallons of trash (normal city trash cans hold 55 gallons) and can operate for a week on the energy it takes to make a pot of coffee.

For the first time in Philadelphia, there will be pedestrian recycling baskets. These recycling baskets will be set next to 210 of these solar-powered litter baskets to allow pedestrians to place their recyclables in as they walk by.

The solar-powered litter baskets are replacing 700 wire baskets located in high traffic areas, from the Delaware River to the Schuylkill River and from South Street to Spring Garden Street. Installation of the solar-powered litter baskets will start in May and will be completed by July 2009.

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