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TOWN OF HERNDON AWARDED GRANT FUNDING TO PURCHASE HYBRID VEHICLES

Herndon, VA (April 6, 2009) – A \$138,000 award to the Town of Herndon through the Virginia Department of Transportation’s administration of federal Congestion Mitigation-Air Quality (CMAQ) funds has been used to purchase five energy-efficient vehicles for the town.

The American-made hybrid vehicles, to be used by the town’s departments of Public Works and Community Development, are more fuel efficient and produce less harmful emissions than conventional, gas powered vehicles.

“The awarding of this grant to the town represents significant accomplishment in two areas,” said Mayor Steve DeBenedittis. “First, it demonstrates our commitment to the environment. The town will continue to apply for, and use, CMAQ funds as town vehicles are identified for replacement.

“And second, grant funding demonstrates financial resourcefulness that efficiently and effectively maximizes the value of town expenditures, particularly in these challenging economic times,” DeBenedittis added.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens.

Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 25,000 people. *Business Week* Magazine has named Herndon one of the nation's "Best Affordable Suburbs."

For more information, visit the town's Web site at www.herndon-va.gov.

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