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News Release

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New Center Consolidates Environmental Services Department

What: Ribbon Cutting for new Environmental Resource Center

When: 2 p.m., Oct. 4, 2012

Where: Springfield Environmental Resource Center, 290 E. Central Street.

The City of Springfield will cut a green ribbon at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, to celebrate the dedication of the new Springfield Environmental Resource Center, located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Central Street and Robberson Avenue.

The Environmental Resource Center is in renovated space previously occupied by the WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Clinic and the City's Solid Waste Management Division.

The building houses several divisions of the City's newly-formed Department of Environmental Services, including: Solid Waste Management, Environmental Compliance, Air Quality, Water Quality, Clean Water Services and Sustainability. Ozarks Greenways has also moved in to the facility.

The City's sustainability efforts are also centralized at the center, including environmental/conservation education, outreach services and technical assistance for business and industry. Students and citizens can take advantage of a resource library with print and electronic reference material on most environmental issues. The facility also has several community meeting spaces, with audiovisual capability, including video and audio conferencing and WiFi.

Funding for the \$1 million project was provided by the Solid Waste Management Enterprise Fund from tipping fees generated at the Springfield Sanitary Landfill. No general revenue or tax revenue was used in the project.

"Springfield and Greene County have a long-standing commitment to the protection of the environment. We now raise that commitment to a new level by reorganizing staff and services into a consolidated Department of Environmental Services," said Springfield Mayor Bob Stephens. "We believe this will help us better meet the challenges of keeping the City in compliance with an ever-changing regulatory landscape. Having this new department in one place will also make services more easily accessible to the community we serve."

About the City of Springfield Environmental Resource Center

- **General Contractor:** Storee Construction
- **Architects:** Randy Dunlap, AIA, City of Springfield Public Works Department.

- **Engineers:** Wells & Scaletty - Jeff Wells and Angie Scaletty structural engineering; Malone Finkle, Eckhardt and Collins - mechanical, electrical and plumbing
- **Project Managers:** Doug Durrington and Barbara Lucks, City of Springfield Department of Environmental Services ; and Chris Holland, City of Springfield Department of Public Works.
- **Size:** 8,662 square feet
- **Cost:** \$1,023,160, provided by the Solid Waste Management Enterprise Fund from tipping fees generated at the Springfield Sanitary Landfill. No general revenue or tax revenue was used in the project.

Project Description: With a goal of qualifying for a minimum of LEED Silver, the new facility includes several environmentally responsible features, including: the reuse of an existing site; future electric vehicle charging station; optimal energy performance; solar heating system for domestic hot water; enhanced roof and wall insulation for better climate control; construction/demolition waste management; recycled content of building materials; natural indoor lighting – daylight and natural lighting for interior workspaces; rainwater harvesting and reuse, including a 1400-gallon in-ground cistern and occupancy sensors in internal spaces for energy conservation.

Recycling services during demolition and construction were provided by Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

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