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**CALLANAN INDUSTRIES, INC. RECEIVES
INTERNATIONAL HABITAT CONSERVATION AWARD**

BALTIMORE, MD—Employees at Callanan Industries, Inc., an Oldcastle Materials company, Cordell Road Facility received international recognition for their contributions to wildlife habitat conservation at the Wildlife Habitat Council's (WHC) 19th Annual Symposium, *The Value of Green*. Callanan Industries demonstrates its commitment to environmental stewardship and increasing native biodiversity by achieving *Wildlife at Work*SM certification at the Cordell Road Facility.

The employees at Callanan Industries further distinguished themselves by winning the coveted Rookie of the Year award, which goes to one newly certified program each year, and exemplifies a superior wildlife habitat program. WHC's prestigious International Conservation Awards recognize voluntary activities by companies who demonstrate excellence in the areas of wildlife habitat enhancement and restoration.

"For 20 years, the Wildlife Habitat Council has led ground-breaking initiatives on more than two million acres of land for the benefit of wildlife and conservation education," said Robert Johnson, WHC President. "WHC members embrace their role as leaders in environmental stewardship at the local, national and global level, voluntarily managing their lands to support sustainable ecosystems and sustainable societies. Congratulations to Callanan Industries for stepping up to meet the challenges of creating a healthy and biodiverse natural world."

The Cordell Road Facility is located in the western portion of Albany County, New York. The property consists of approximately 67 acres, of which 30 acres remain as wetland and undeveloped woodland for wildlife habitat. The wildlife team implements a number of projects to enhance wildlife habitat in vegetative communities including the original Albany pine bush ecosystem.

A major component of the site's wildlife habitat program is the creation and protection of isolated populations of numerous species of reptiles and amphibians. Vernal pools on the property are enhanced with basking logs along shorelines, bank slopes are graded to allow for easier migration to and from the pools, and shallow water depths are maintained to prevent fish populations from becoming established and preying on tadpoles. The team works with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to monitor species populations that frequent the wetlands on site.

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Recent projects include the creation of a nature trail through the property using former all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trails. To alleviate trespassing ATVs, barriers were placed along wetlands and open areas to allow vegetation and wildlife to remain undisturbed. The wildlife team will continue to install nest boxes around the site to improve the habitat for eastern bluebird, New York's official State bird, and others, including bank swallows. These boxes will be monitored annually. Sand cherry, blueberry and smooth shadbush will also be planted to improve the habitat.

The Cordell Road Facility was one of 173 sites recognized at the 2007 Symposium for creating a *Wildlife at WorkSM* program. In addition, 69 *Corporate Lands for LearningSM* programs reach thousands of learners from schools and scout groups to master gardeners and university researchers. Since 1990, WHC has certified 432 programs worldwide. The certification program recognizes outstanding wildlife habitat management and environmental education efforts at corporate sites, and offers third-party validation of the benefits of such programs. Certification requirements are strict and require that sites apply for periodic renewal.

Celebrating 20 years in conservation, the Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) is a nonprofit, non-lobbying organization dedicated to increasing the quality and amount of wildlife habitat on corporate, private and public lands. WHC devotes its resources to building partnerships with corporations and conservation groups to create solutions that balance the demands of economic growth with the requirements of a healthy, biodiverse and sustainable environment. More than 2.4 million acres in 46 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 16 other countries are managed for wildlife through WHC-assisted projects. To learn more, visit www.wildlifehc.org.

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