



## **Milton Grows Green Committee Press Release October 9, 2008**

On Monday, October 6, 2008, Milton City Council unanimously approved a resolution recognizing the Milton Grows Green (MGG) Committee as an official city committee. Established with a Governing Board consisting of 13 volunteer citizens from across all districts and business partners, MGG will assist the city in identifying and implementing a variety of environmental activities. These include identifying and encouraging greener building practices, protecting natural resources, raising awareness through education, working towards a green designation for Milton and pursuing grants in coordination with other city and community initiatives.

Milton Grows Green's mission is "advocating responsibly managed growth by conserving and protecting resources, while preserving Milton's heritage and natural landscape for future generations." Councilwoman Julie Zahner Bailey, who presented the resolution, initiated the idea of Milton "going green" in September 2007, and interested volunteers began meeting early this year, culminating in a variety of activities and specific projects.

The projects already started by MGG include assuming coordination of the Adopt-A-Stream and Adopt-A-Road programs, assisting with the annual Rivers Alive Cleanup, marking storm water drains throughout the city to help meet state requirements regarding water pollution reduction. The committee is also coordinating the implementation of a pilot recycling program at Bell Memorial Park and City Hall.

MGG plans to roll out environmental education-related programs at local schools in Milton. The first pilot program is in progress at Hopewell Middle School.

The committee is co-chaired by Milton residents Melissa Estes, Jack Lindon and Jon McPhail. Everyone interested in the committee's activities or in environmental issues is encouraged to contact MGG through [miltongrowsgreen@earthlink.net](mailto:miltongrowsgreen@earthlink.net).