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Progress Rail Facility Honored for Environmental Excellence

The Progress Rail Services recycling facility in Bluefield, Va., operating as Bluefield Iron & Metal, was recently awarded a certificate of appreciation by Andrew Satmary and Jean Miller, officers of the Bluestone Conservatory, for work done to improve and protect the section of the Bluestone River that borders its property.

"As the Bluestone Conservatory works to improve the health of the Bluestone River, they wish to recognize those in the community who have shown exceptional efforts in environmental and conservation work," said Roger Angles with the Conservatory. "This one company, voluntarily and without fanfare, made extraordinary improvements after purchasing property and a former business along the Bluestone."

"Bluefield Iron & Metal lends to the entire region's health and environmental resurgence in their efforts to take scrap metals off of the hillsides, out of the rivers and to clean up unsightly illegal dumps," Angles continued. "Mike Vanden Bergh, John Burton and others in the company have become good neighbors and citizens in that considerable money, labor hours and materials were utilized in their quest to protect the waters of the Bluestone River."

Progress Rail acquired the Bluefield metal company in January 2007 and made extensive efforts to clean up the area and restore green space along the upper Bluestone River. The river provides drinking water for most of the surrounding two counties.

John Burton, environmental manager for Progress Metals Reclamation Co. said, "While we are extremely pleased to be recognized as good neighbors by the Bluestone Conservatory, the actions and efforts put forth by the employees of Progress Rail Services and Bluefield Iron and Metal to accomplish these tasks were not for recognition or awards, it was the right thing to do. We will continue to do the right thing and base our environmental systems on best practices, simple systems, sound science and cost effective technology."

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