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ICMA Recognizes the Borough of Forest Hills for Program Excellence

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Borough of Forest Hills Pennsylvania has been recognized by ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, as a recipient of the organization's **Strategic Leadership and Governance Award**. The award recognizes the innovative and successful local government programs or processes that have significantly affected a local government organization's culture or strategic direction.

Forest Hills and Borough Manager Steven Morus will be honored in various platforms including ICMA's 2020 UNITE: A Digital Event, September 23-26, 2020.

Forest Hills is a community several miles to the east of the City of Pittsburgh with a population of 6,518. Long known by its Tree City designation, Forest Hills celebrated its centennial in 2019 and is proud of its growing reputation as an environmentally responsible community and as a member of Sustainable Pennsylvania.

"I'm proud to serve the residents, council and Mayor of Forest Hills as manager," Mr. Morus noted adding, "Recognition by ICMA, an international organization that stresses professional, nonpartisan municipal management governed by a code of ethics, is a singular honor for Forest Hills."

The ICMA Local Government Excellence Awards highlight creative contributions to professional local government management while demonstrating the difference that this type of management makes to the quality of life in our communities. ICMA's Program Excellence Awards are presented to local governments and their chief administrators in recognition of their innovative and successful programs. Nominations are evaluated by an independent, 17-person panel of ICMA members.

Mayor Frank Porco commented, "I'd like to congratulate Forest Hills Borough Manager Steve Morus on this award. The Strategic Leadership & Governance Award recognizes Forest Hills Borough and our Manager, Steve Morus, for his commitment to innovative programs and sustainable processes that significantly affect the strategic direction and culture of our community for years to come. We are very fortunate to have Steve Morus as our Borough

Manager and it is good to see him recognized by this prestigious organization for his work and dedication.”

“We congratulate the recipients of our 2020 Program Excellence Awards and the administrators and managers who lead them,” says ICMA Executive Director Marc A. Ott. “The communities, men, and women recognized this year set the standard for innovation, effectiveness, and creativity. We thank them for their commitment to improving the lives of the constituents they serve every day.”

In addition to online and conference recognition, the 2020 ICMA Local Government Excellence Award recipients will be highlighted in a commemorative booklet that will be posted on icma.org and published in the September 2020 issue of *PM* magazine.

For more information about ICMA’s Local Government Excellence Awards Program, contact Joyce Lee Brown at jlee@icma.org or 202-962-3625.

About ICMA

ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, advances professional local government worldwide. Our mission is to create excellence in local governance by developing and fostering professional management to build livable communities that improve people’s lives. ICMA provides member support; publications; data and information; peer and results-oriented assistance; and training and professional development to nearly 13,000 city, town, and county experts and other individuals and organizations throughout the world. The management decisions made by ICMA’s members affect millions of individuals living in thousands of communities, from small villages and towns to large metropolitan areas. Learn more at icma.org.

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