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## Chester County official earns national recognition for innovative governance

**RENO** – The National Association of Counties (NACo) has recognized Chester County, Pa. Commissioner Carol Aichele with the association’s prestigious 2010 County Courthouse Award for Innovative Governance.

Aichele was selected as the Large Urban County Caucus winner by an independent panel of judges. She was recognized for her dedication to improving the lives of those in her community, including her management of county growth through the *Landscapes2* plan. Through this planning process, Commissioner Aichele integrated all stakeholders from across the county into creating an innovative long-term plan for the county’s growth and development.

“On behalf of the nation’s counties, I commend Commissioner Aichele for her outstanding leadership in enabling Chester County citizens to become involved in planning their county’s future,” said NACo President Valerie Brown, supervisor, Sonoma County, Calif. “*Landscapes2* will benefit county residents for many years to come.”

This year’s winners were honored at NACo’s 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Exposition in Reno/Washoe County, Nev., July 16-20.

Established in 2001, County Courthouse Awards recognize elected county officials who demonstrate innovative and effective leadership to improve the quality of life of their residents. One County Courthouse Award is presented each year in three categories: Rural County, Suburban County, and Urban County. Each winner receives a \$5,000 college scholarship to present to a local student of his or her choice.

The County Courthouse Awards are sponsored by Siemens and presented by NACo’s Large Urban County Caucus and Rural Action Caucus. More information is available at [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org).

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