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**KINDER MORGAN RECEIVES
INTERNATIONAL HABITAT CONSERVATION AWARD**

BALTIMORE, MD— Kinder Morgan Canada (KMC) employees received international recognition for their contributions to wildlife habitat conservation at the Wildlife Habitat Council's (WHC) 20th Annual Symposium, *20/20 Vision: Celebrating the Past, Looking to the Future*. Kinder Morgan demonstrates its commitment to environmental stewardship and increasing native biodiversity by achieving habitat certification at the Stoney Creek Restoration Site, an undeveloped park devoted entirely to area wildlife in Burnaby, British Columbia,

“This year, our 20th Anniversary, WHC celebrates two decades of solid leadership and on-the-ground achievements by our members in wildlife habitat preservation and conservation education,” said Robert Johnson, WHC President. “WHC members are continuing to lead the way to further define and demonstrate how corporations can use their lands to preserve our biodiversity, while preparing new generations through conservation education to understand how to be better leaders and managers for tomorrow’s sustainable businesses and communities. Congratulations to Kinder Morgan for their volunteer-based efforts to preserve the biodiversity of their community and the world, and to connect people to nature.”

The Stoney Creek Restoration Site is unique in that it is an urban park with an adjacent creek and various utility rights-of-way. Before restoration, the park, located near KMC’s jet fuel distribution line, was overgrown with Himalayan blackberry, a non-native, invasive species.

Employees from Kinder Morgan worked to establish relationships with the local community, including the City of Burnaby, a local consulting firm and volunteers and students from the Stoney Creek Elementary School, to restore the park to native habitat for wildlife. These volunteers and Kinder Morgan employees make up the Stoney Creek Environmental Working Group (SCEWG).

In the spring of 2007, employees from Kinder Morgan initiated the removal and disposal of the invasive Himalayan blackberry on the site. Immediately following the removal of the invasive species, over 100 native trees and shrubs were planted on the 0.03-acre park in the hopes that they will reduce the likelihood of the invasive Himalayan blackberry becoming reestablished. Plantings were chosen based on the recommendation of a professional agrologist and took place with the help of Stoney Creek Elementary School. Fencing was placed around the restoration area to protect the young plantings from over-grazing from deer or other damage. Additionally, in areas where the invasive blackberry had dominated the banks of Stoney Creek, volunteers placed an erosion blanket in an effort to stabilize the banks of the creek. SCEWG members have continued to water and monitor for invasive species at the site, where the plantings have had a 96 percent survival rate.

KMC’s Stoney Creek Restoration Site was one of 214 sites recognized at the 2008 Symposium for creating a *Wildlife at WorkSM* program. In addition, 97 *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 489

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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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