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Tick Keys Donated to Pike County Tick Borne Diseases Task Force

(Milford, PA)—The Pike County Tick Borne Diseases Task Force recently received a gift of 100 tick keys from the Hemlock Farms Conservancy.

The tick keys are used for easy tick removal, and are safe for adults, children and pets. They are available to the public, while supplies last, through several county locations including:

- Community Planning, 837 Route 6, Unit 3, in Shohola
- Pike County Conservation District, 556 Route 402, in Blooming Grove
- Treasurer's Office, 506 Broad Street, in Milford

A \$5 donation is requested. Proceeds will benefit the Task Force, which is focused on decreasing the number of tick borne illnesses by building community awareness through education, support, and advocacy.

"The Pike County Board of Commissioners along with the Pike County Tick Borne Diseases Task Force would like to extend a thank you to the Hemlock Farms Conservancy for their gracious donation of Tick Keys," said Commissioner Chairman Matthew Osterberg. "These will fund our continuing efforts in education, prevention, and support for Pike County residents to bring awareness to tick borne diseases."

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The Hemlock Farms Conservancy is a non-profit organization with a mission is to protect, preserve, conserve and sustain the water, air, land, forest, wildlife, and other natural resources of Hemlock Farms and its environs in partnership with Hemlock Farms Community Association members.

For more information about the Tick Borne Diseases Task Force visit www.pikepa.org/tick.html or contact Brian Snyder at bsnyder@pikepa.org or 570-296-3569.

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Pictured at the December meeting of the Pike County Tick Borne Diseases Task Force are, from left to right: Dr. Cathleen Mattos, Dr. Robert Ollar, Pike County Commissioner Ron Schmalzle, Task Force Chairperson Rosemarie Schoepp, Jill Gamboni of Representative Mike Peifer's Office, Hemlock Farms Conservancy Executive Director Kelly Stagen, Stephen Alessi of PennState Extension, Ellen Scarisbrick, Pike County Commissioner Matt Osterberg, Task Force Liaison Brian Snyder of the Pike County Community Planning Office, and Pike County Health Nurse Tammy DeLeo.