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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### WATERSTONE RECEIVES NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AWARD

**Homestead, Florida, November 12, 2009** – The South Dade Venture Community Development District is proud to announce that it has been awarded the 2009 Merit Award for its landscape maintenance efforts within the Waterstone community. This Annual Environmental Improvement Awards Program is sponsored by the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET), an association of approximately 3,200 green industry service-provider companies and suppliers nationwide that specialize in lawn care design/build/installation, interior plantscaping, and landscape management.

Since its construction in 2003, the Waterstone community's common areas have been under the supervision of a local form of government known as the South Dade Venture Community Development District (the District). One of the District's main responsibilities is the maintenance of approximately 60 acres of landscape throughout the Waterstone community. In 2006, the residents of Waterstone began serving on the District's Board of Supervisors and immediately established a standard for its landscape maintenance. Since then, the District has relocated hundreds of trees, removed non-thriving plants, introduced thousands of new viable plants, invested in comprehensive irrigation systems, added daily and weekly maintenance standards, and implemented a new landscape theme to be implemented over a 5 year span.

"We are proud of our mutual accomplishments at Waterstone and look forward to many more successful accomplishments here." said ValleyCrest Branch Manager, Jose Zapeda in response to this award. The District's Chairman, Alex Diaz de Villegas said, "This award is a clear reflection of the level of dedication our management staff and ValleyCrest have exhibited throughout the last three years. We could not be more proud."

The award was presented to ValleyCrest representatives during the PLANET Green Industry Conference Awards Presentation on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in Louisville, Kentucky. The award will be prominently displayed at the Waterstone clubhouses. For more information regarding this award, please contact District Manager, Paul Winkeljohn at 786-271-9208 or at [pwinkeljohn@govmgtsvc.com](mailto:pwinkeljohn@govmgtsvc.com).