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### The Guest Houses at Pineland Farms Receives State Certification as an Environmental Leader

New Gloucester, July 2009 – The rolling hills of New Gloucester just got a little greener. The Guest Houses at Pineland Farms have been certified as a ‘Maine Environmental Leader Lodging Business’ through the Maine Department of Environmental Protection’s Pollution Prevention Program.

Businesses that have been certified by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection as Environmental Leaders must implement programs to:

Reduce energy

Conserve water

Minimize waste

Use environmentally preferable cleaners

Educate the public and their customers on reducing environmental impact

A number of environmentally-friendly practices have been implemented, exceeding the state’s Requirements for certification.

Some of the green initiatives include the replacement of traditional light bulbs with energy-efficient, compact fluorescent lighting in all areas of the six guest homes. New luxury bathroom amenities are now featured in sleek shower dispensers to reduce waste. Recycling is made easy for all the guests during their stay and green cleaning supplies are used for the health of our guests and staff. The houses are outfitted with energy efficient appliances and Low E thermapane windows.

Pineland Farms is a 5,000 acre privately-owned working farm open to the public for exploration, recreation and education. While visiting the farm and staying in our Guest Houses, visitors can tour working dairy, horse, and poultry barns and see cheese made in our own creamery. Skiing, tennis, walking trails, sledding, fishing, and mountain biking give guests year-round recreational opportunities. Our Events Department hosts corporate groups for meetings and retreats as well as many weddings throughout the year. Our Market and Welcome Center is the hub of much of the action on the main campus featuring all of our own produce, natural meats, cheeses, and organic eggs in addition to a bountiful selection of Maine made provisions.

Pineland Farms is proud of the steps taken to become an Environmental Leader in our community. We look forward to continuing our efforts to improve our environmental practices and efforts.