



**CLINTON SAVINGS BANK WINS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD
FROM WACHUSETT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Community Bank Recognized for Positive Impact on Regional Economy

CLINTON, Mass., March 31, 2009 – In recognition for its contribution to the local economy, Clinton Savings Bank received the 2009 Economic Development Award from the Wachusett Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, March 25. Nominated for the award alongside the Central Massachusetts Small Business Development Center in Worcester and the Perkins Child Development Center in Lancaster, Clinton Savings Bank was chosen as the one that best strengthened, developed and benefitted the region's business landscape.

"We are happy that the Chamber has chosen to recognize our efforts to keep the region's economic engine going," said Robert J. Paulhus, Jr., President and CEO of Clinton Savings Bank, "but we are also mindful of the tireless work of the other nominees. In fact, we have worked hand-in-hand with many of their efforts, so in reality the real winner is the entire community. We're proud to be just one of the many groups working in concert to keep local businesses thriving."

Clinton Savings Bank was specifically recognized because it was an integral member of the economic environment throughout 2008. Some of the Bank's activities included continued lending to small businesses during the turbulent economic conditions, supporting non-profit organizations that add value to the region, and extending its services by opening its newest branch in Boylston.

At the annual awards dinner held at the Sterling National Country Club, the Wachusett Chamber presented honors for categories including "Business of the Year," "Small Business of the Year," "Outstanding Professional," "Community Focus," and "Environmental Impact Award." Each winner was selected based on the number of votes received from chamber members.

About Clinton Savings Bank

Established in 1851, Clinton Savings Bank is among the oldest mutual community banks in Massachusetts. With more than \$486 million in assets and a broad range of financial products for

consumers and businesses, Clinton Savings Bank has built a solid reputation in the communities which it serves from six full-service branches in Berlin, Bolton, Boylston, Clinton, Sterling and West Boylston. For more information, please visit clintonsavings.com.

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