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**Pennsylvania's Conservation Districts receive over \$30,000
for Partnering with Schools in
Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) Projects.**

Harrisburg, PA – The Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. (PACD) announces the 2010 first round of Meaningful Watershed Education Experience (MWEE) Grant Program recipients. PACD awarded grants for projects partnering conservation districts and schools in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed to provide hands-on watershed experiences for K-12 students. Funding for the grants is provided through the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office's B-WET Program.

Overview of Grants:

Adams County Conservation District with Adam McClain, Watershed Specialist, as district contact. District is partnering with Fairfield Area School District's **Fairfield Area High School** with Derek Mckenrick, Science Teacher, as school contact.

Bradford County Conservation District with Mike Lovegreen, District Manager, and Rich Gulyas, Education Coordinator, as project leads. District is partnering with **Troy Area School District's Elementary School East** and Athens, Canton, Northeast and Troy High Schools.

Cumberland County Conservation District with Vince McCollum, District Technician/Watershed Specialist, as project lead. District is partnering with **West Shore School District's Cedar Cliff High School** with Justin Weaver as school contact.

Dauphin County Conservation District with Eric Naguski, Aquatic Entomologist, as district contact. District is partnering with **Central Dauphin School District's Circle School** with JD Stillwater, Staff Educator, as school contact.

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Lancaster County Conservation District with Sally Gregory, Education Coordinator, as district contact. District is partnering with **Ephrata Area School District's Clay Elementary** with Suzanne Rehm, Third Grade Teacher, as school contact.

Lebanon County Conservation District with Leigh Beamesderfer, Forester/Naturalist, as district contact. District is partnering with Annville-Cleona, Cornwall-Lebanon, Eastern Lebanon County, Lebanon and Palmyra School District elementary schools with each school's Elementary Envirothon Advisor as school contact.

Snyder County Conservation District with Jason Winey, Watershed Specialist, as district contact. District is partnering with Selinsgrove Area School District's Selinsgrove Area Intermediate School with Ray Burns, Outdoor Education Coordinator, as school contact.

Wyoming County Conservation District with Laura Anderson, Environmental Education Coordinator, as district contact. District is partnering with Tunkhannock Area School District's Evans Fall Elementary with Larinda Kaufer as school contact.

York County Conservation District with Gary Peacock, Watershed Specialist, as district contact. District is partnering with Red Lion Area, Spring Grove Area, and York City School Districts' Central York, Spring Grove Area and William Penn High Schools.

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