

## **Lackawanna County Conservation District Receives Environment Education Grant**



*(Left to right), Cheryl Nolan, Lackawanna County Conservation District Watershed Specialist; Patrick Durkin and Josh Scombordi, Carbondale Area students; Jerry Stiles, Lackawanna County Conservation District Manager; and Lackawanna County Commissioners Jim Wansacz, Patrick M. O'Malley, and Corey D. O'Brien. Photo and article used with permission from Lackawanna County Commissioners' Office.*

The Lackawanna County Conservation District received a \$2,373 environmental education grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to plant habitat gardens at Riverside East and Carbondale Area elementary schools.

The students were involved in the design and planting phases of the project, which provided an opportunity for them to learn about local wildlife and the surrounding habitat.

"From the District's perspective it was great to see how the students from both schools took ownership of the projects from the start to completion", district manager, Jerry Stiles states. "They've given their schools a gift that can be enjoyed by many future classes."

In Carbondale, high school students worked with the elementary youngsters on the project and J.S. Wright Excavating and Underground Utilities of Carbondale donated time and equipment for the venture. At Riverside East, students, parents and community volunteers worked on the garden project, and Rich Grzybowski Landscaping of Moosic donated mulch and top soil.

