

Lycoming County Opens Conservation Learning Trail



Ed Zinser, PACD NC Regional Director (middle), joins Mark Davidson, LCCD Manager and Carey Entz-Rine, Watershed Specialist, for the trail ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept. 21, 2012.

On Friday, Sept. 21, Edward Zinser, PACD North Central Region Director, attended the Lycoming County Conservation Learning Trail ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“Lycoming County and several state agencies worked together to make this learning resource a reality,” said Zinser.” The county and the conservation district staff is to be commended for the conception, creation and execution of this preservation learning tool which will be a great asset for state residents of any age.”

The half-mile-long trail runs above an overlook at Loyalsock Creek in Lycoming County. Educational items such as interpretive panels and native species identification markers can be found along the trail.

The ceremony, which was overseen by Megan Lehman, the Lycoming County Planning Department’s Environmental Planner, included remarks by representatives from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as well as the Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP).

Mark Davidson, Lycoming County Conservation District (LCCD) Manager, also took a few moments to recognize the hard work and contributions of the many involved. “This was definitely a team effort,” noted Davidson. “Countless hours and hands went into the completion of this project. We are very excited about what is to come.”

Davidson was joined by Jeff Wheeland, Lycoming County Commissioner Chairman, in the cutting of the ribbon, marking the trail’s opening.

PA DEP provided an environmental education grant to fund the project. Additional funding was provided by the County of Lycoming.

