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PACD ANNOUNCES ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

The Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. (PACD) presented its annual awards to individuals and organizations that have helped to promote or continue conservation efforts in Pennsylvania. The award ceremony occurred on July 22 at PACD's Annual Conference in Harrisburg. Mr. Jarrett Miller, PACD First Vice President, served as Master of Ceremonies for the awards luncheon. Conservation districts across the state sent nominations to judging panels for consideration. Winners were presented with the following awards during the luncheon.

Quittapahilla Creek Watershed Association, Lebanon County--*Watershed Protection Award*, given to an organization or individual that has promoted the protection of a particular watershed through a coordinated land and water resource approach. Founded in 1997, the Quittapahilla Creek Watershed Association monitors water quality along the creek and its four major tributaries. The association has worked with various community groups and state, federal, and local agencies on a number of stream restoration and water quality monitoring projects. With a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, the association is helping to restore an existing wetland and to design an educational wetland center. The State Conservation Commission sponsors this award.